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Like us, Tottenham have the highest possible motivation to secure points in this game. We must be ready to face a team who will fight for everything, in every moment

Good evening and welcome back to Anfield for the Premier League fixture against Tottenham Hotspur. I welcome Antonio Conte, his players, staff, officials and the supporters of our visitors.

What a job Antonio has done since returning to this country. His record in general is not to contest. He's a winner. A fantastic leader of a football team. My respect for what he has done in his career and continues to do could not be higher.

You don't have to do too much analysis on Spurs to see Antonio and his staff have already put their stamp on the club.

Like us, they have the highest possible motivation to secure points in this game. It is clear the Champions League qualification will go down to the wire and they will give all they have to try and finish in the top four. We must be ready to face a team who will fight for everything, in every moment.

Our games versus Tottenham are always super competitive anyway. Since I have been here we have had a proper rivalry but always based on mutual respect, I think. I can't remember a game against them not being enthralling to be honest. So a really cool fixture for everyone. Can't wait.

Of course we come into tonight after a big week. I don't want to dwell on the semi-final win in Villarreal because our focus must switch immediately. However, I cannot ignore it.

Nothing but love and respect to all the players for how they have navigated this period and Tuesday night in particular. What we are involved in at the moment is insane if you pause and think about it for a second. It's a blessing for us that we have no time to pause. We just have to keep going. Never stop.

The match wasn't straightforward but nor did we expect it to be. It was as tough and intense as you could imagine a Champions League semi-final to be. After the game there was a lot said about us reaching our third European final in five seasons, but that's not something I really thought about. For me it feels like our first and I love that. And it has to be a similar attitude for everything we are involved in. It will help keep us energetic and fresh. Treat everything as a new opportunity.

The turnaround to this evening is short but again this is not to present an excuse, it is just a fact. We are used to it now – it is our life. It's a challenge for many factors, not least the quality of opponent we will come up against, but

I have total belief in this group. Players and staff. They are so mentally tough and resilient. I could not be prouder.

It is the first home game since my staff and I decided to extend our contracts with Liverpool, so I want to address that in this column.

There is no secret why. We are in love with this place. And that connection is very much centred on people.

I have just written about the players above and they are a huge factor in this. They are just the most incredible set of boys. From the oldest to the youngest, they inspire me each and every day with their talent and application.

As a manager or coach you are only ever as good as your playing squad. I have been blessed in my career to have worked with some amazing teams and be part of remarkable dressing-rooms; Mainz and Dortmund but also during my earlier time here. This current one I would struggle to better, for sure.

It's not just that they are fantastic with a ball at their feet, or in their hands. That helps for results, yes. But it's also the men they are. Coming into work with them is a privilege. They are the reason we are enjoying these fantastic experiences together.

I hope I never have taken them for granted and never will. It is not possible for them to all be as happy and positive about me all the time, because I have to disappoint on occasions when it comes to team-selection. That is a manager's life. But I think I can confidently say we trust each other. And that's a critical thing in any relationship: to trust in each other.

It's very similar with the amazing club staff we have. These are the guys who prop us up. They put us on their back and carry us when we need them to. Their contribution is off the charts. I cannot start listing names, it makes no sense, but they carry value to LFC that should not be underestimated.

To have colleagues who you can also count as friends is something very special in life. For me it is even more than friendship. We have a sense of community. It's very special. And knowing that we will be together for longer brings a joy that beats any trophy we've won.

And of course I cannot understate our supporters. I know every manager talks up their team's fans and – as with the playing squad – I've been blessed to enjoy an excellent relationship at my two previous clubs also and I

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hate that sometimes you are asked to compare. It is not to compare. Each is unique.

The bond we have here, though, is something I could not have envisaged. It's authentic, it's real. It feels like we really appreciate each other. And that's not specific to me – I am only a small part of it. It's the team and the staff as a whole. We believe in each other and take energy from each other.

As a manager you can never make promises of success, it's not possible. It applies to the remainder

of this season also. We don't know what will happen with the competitions we remain active in. But you can do everything within your own capabilities to make sure we at least throw all we have at it, in each moment.

It's what we've done until now and I think it makes sense to keep doing it. It's why all these special relationships feel so fresh and can continue to feel fresh into the next few years. Be it players, staff or supporters, I want us to attack each day like it is our first together and could be our last together.

This evening is a perfect example of where we will need it. If we come together and give our all we can ask nothing more of ourselves. And we should do it as a collective.

I hope we can make it a special night.

You'll Never Walk Alone
Jürgen

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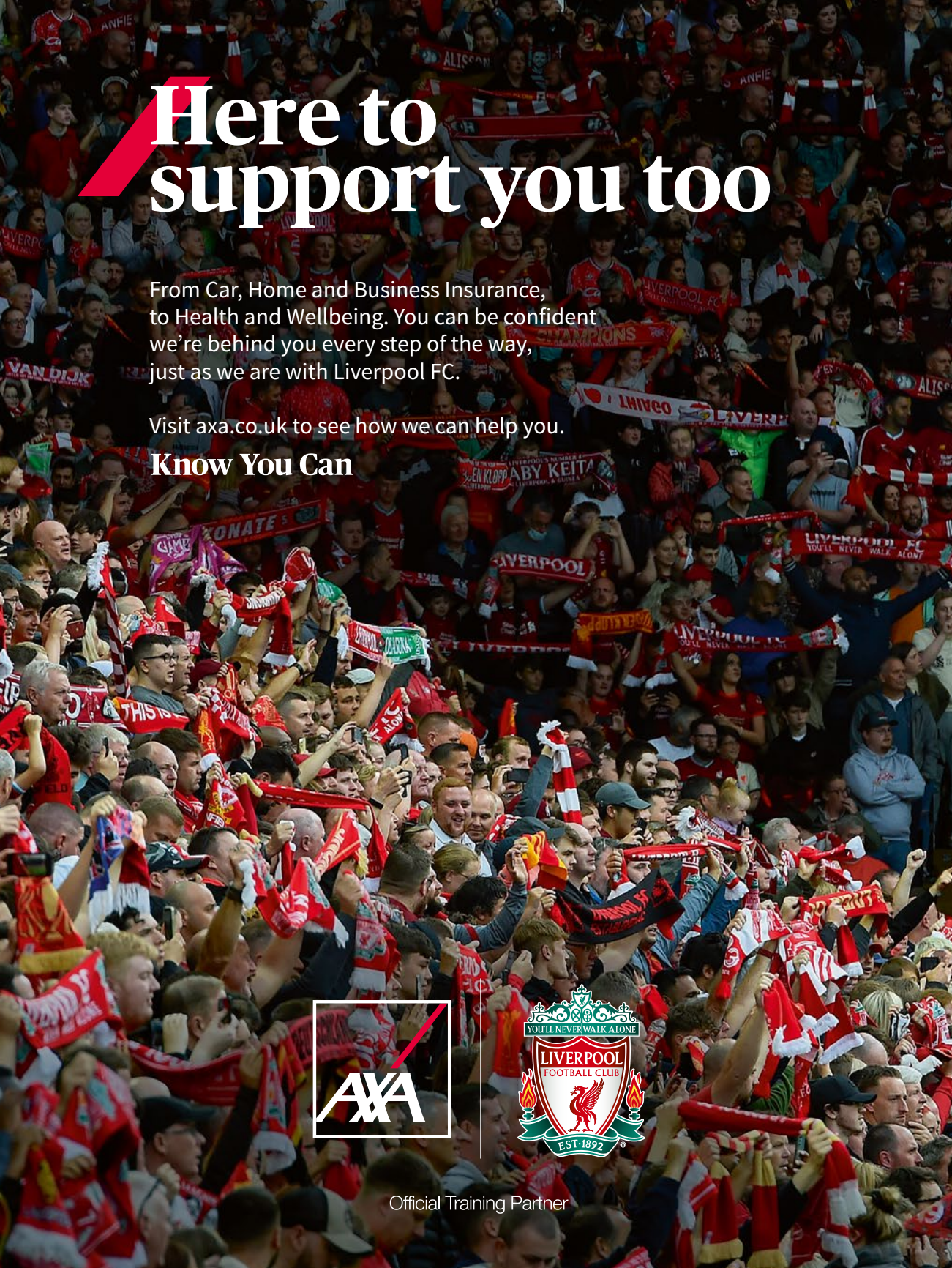
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MAGNIFICENT MILNER

James Milner's 84th-minute appearance as a substitute in midweek at Villarreal was the 36th time that the 36-year-old had seen action this season for the Reds, and his manager is running out of superlatives to describe his contribution.

Had Jürgen Klopp come across a fitter player at that age? "No, but it would be interesting to look at Luka Modric. Is he not 36 as well? It was obviously a good generation. It's difficult to be fitter than Milly."

The boss added: "He's a role-model. I have told him, I can tell the whole world – nothing we have achieved in the last few years would have happened without James Milner, it's as easy as that.

"Whether he was on the pitch or not, he's set standards in a way not a lot of people can set standards, and it educated all of us."

Top-level football is made up of teams and individuals who have incredible quality and that is particularly true of Spurs, who arrive at Anfield with their own ambitions to pursue

Tuesday night's victory at Villarreal means that no matter what happens we will play in every game that we possibly could in the current season. I want to mention this at the very outset because I believe it is something that everyone associated with Liverpool Football Club should be unbelievably proud of.

How successful the campaign will be from the perspective of silverware remains to be seen, but in terms of a team effort with everyone pulling in the same direction, and working for the greater good, I think the success is there for all to see.

From supporters to club staff and from dressing-room to boot room, there is so much to be proud of and so much still to look forward to.

The supporters who travelled to Spain in midweek summed up so much of what is good about this club right now. They travelled in great numbers as always, never let the bad weather get them down and backed us all the way, even during a first half when we must have given them a bit of a scare.

At the end of the game, the lads were able to show their gratitude and I would like to repeat that in this column. Having you with us on nights like that really does make all the difference so, on behalf of all the players and staff, thank you.

Our initial aim doesn't change. We want to win as many games as we possibly can and see where it takes us. Longer-term, though, our ambition has to be to take all of the elements that have contributed to this season and look to get even better. There can be no standing still, on or off the pitch.

The minute we start to believe that what's happening at the moment is in any way the norm, or that it can be taken for granted, is the moment that we start letting ourselves down. The hard work doesn't stop now, if anything it needs to be redoubled.

We have to build on the unity that has been absolutely vital to everything we are doing and we have to carry on learning from the mistakes that are an inevitable part of this kind of journey.

We also have to continue giving our opponents as much respect as they give us. We don't need a reminder on this front, but if we did then the way Villarreal performed in the first half would have provided one.

The reality is that top-level football is made up of teams and individuals who have incredible quality and that is particularly true of today's opposition, Spurs, who arrive at Anfield with their own ambitions to pursue.

We don't have to cast our minds back too far to remember just how tough the game was when we played Spurs away earlier this season. That was very early in Antonio Conte's reign and since then he's had more time to get his ideas across so it's no surprise to see Tottenham pushing on and in the frame for a top-four finish.

They have a world-class manager and a formidable playing squad so any team that wants to pick up points against them will have to be near their very best as a bare minimum.

The gaffer said something recently which I think will be a key message not just for today, but for the rest of the season. He admitted that there will be times when we suffer as a team and when this does happen we need to react.

That is exactly what happened against Villarreal and it is hard to imagine that this kind of resilience won't be required on a number of occasions in the coming weeks.

When the stakes and the standards are so high, this is just something that you have to be able to do. But because you've done it previously doesn't mean you can just do it automatically.

There isn't a button that you can press or a switch you can flick. It comes down to digging deep collectively and responding to whatever situation you find yourself in.

This, as much as anything else, is one of the reasons why we still have so much to play for with only three weeks of the season to go. It would be nice if the challenges became easier at this stage, but that just isn't realistic and we all know that the reality is the reverse is actually true.

All we can do is stay true to ourselves and keep on enjoying the ride. The only thing I can say for sure is that we have a much better chance of achieving our objectives if we stick together and we keep on believing in one another.

If we do that, anything is possible.

COUNTDOWN

Catch up with the latest news around this fixture

GOMEZ: UNITY IS STRENGTH

Reds defender Joe Gomez hailed the strength and mentality of Liverpool's squad after the 1-0 victory at Newcastle United last Saturday. Gomez came into the starting eleven and produced a polished performance in the 1-0 win at St James' Park.

"The clean-sheet always gives us the platform to get a goal and the three points, and as a unit we did well and ground it out," he said afterwards.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy. It's a tough place to come and obviously they're under new management and you can see they've definitely improved – their results show that. So we knew it wasn't going to be easy but we got the three points.

"I think the attitude amongst the camp is to stay at it. I think there were five changes or so today. As a collective, all the lads staying fit this year and having such a strong squad has been massive for sure."

REDS REACH CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

Tuesday's 3-2 win at Villarreal booked the Reds' passage into the UEFA Champions League final for the third time in five seasons. Liverpool will meet Real Madrid at the Stade de France in Paris on Saturday 28 May.

The victory in eastern Spain also means that the Reds will become the first English club to reach the finals of the European Cup/Champions League, FA Cup and League Cup in the same season.

PRE-SEASON DATES IN SINGAPORE

Liverpool will head to Singapore for the second leg of their 2022/23 pre-season schedule in July. They will visit the country's National Stadium on Friday 15 July to take on Crystal Palace in the Standard Chartered Singapore Trophy 2022.

The Reds previously visited Singapore for two hugely successful games in 2001 and 2009, plus an open training session in 2011, and are returning to Asia for the first time since 2017. The first leg of the 2022/23 pre-season campaign will see Liverpool face Manchester United at Bangkok's Rajamangala Stadium on Tuesday July 12. They then move on to Singapore where the club will also take an active role in local community projects and cultural activities.

SON: WE WANT TOP FOUR

His two goals in last Sunday's 3-1 victory over Leicester City saw Heung-min Son register his best-ever Premier League goalscoring tally of 19. It also left him three behind Mo Salah in the race for the Premier League's Golden Boot.

However, the South Korean says helping Spurs secure a place in the top four is far more important to him than personal awards.

"It was a great afternoon, a great match and a great performance from the team, we totally deserved it," he said after the victory over the Foxes.

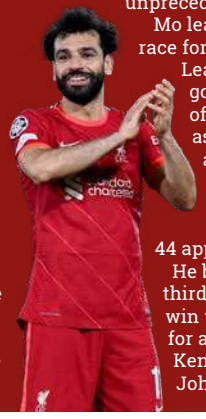
"Winning the Golden Boot is not important for me. Scoring goals is really good but you can't score alone. You need the team. If I get the chances, then I will try to score. We want to finish in the Champions League and I want to play in the Champions League."

TO KICK–OFF

MO TOPS FWA VOTE

Mohamed Salah has been named Football Writers' Association (FWA) Footballer of the Year for 2022. Liverpool's no11 won 48 per cent of the vote from journalists in the FWA to take the prize for the second time following his success in 2018, with Kevin De Bruyne and Declan Rice second and third respectively.

Salah, one of nine members of Jürgen Klopp's squad to receive votes in the poll, received his trophy at a dinner last Friday. Once again, he's recorded remarkable statistics in terms of goals and assists this season to help inspire LFC's bid for an unprecedented quadruple.



Mo leads the way in the race for both the Premier League Golden Boot (22 goals) and Playmaker of the Season (13 assists) awards and, across all competitions, has registered 30 goals and 14 assists in 44 appearances.

He becomes only the third Liverpool player to win the FWA accolade for a second time, after Kenny Dalglish and John Barnes.

REDS WIN LANCS SENIOR CUP

Congratulations to Liverpool's Under-23s who lifted the Lancashire FA Senior Cup after a 1-0 win over Burnley last Wednesday night.

Midfielder James Norris grabbed the all important goal with a sumptuous half-volley from distance just before the hour-mark at the Lancashire FA County Ground in Leyland. It was the Reds' 13th triumph in the tournament and captain Tom Clayton performed his version of the 'Hendo Shuffle' before holding the trophy aloft!

GARY GILLESPIE

SPURS ALWAYS CARRY A THREAT BUT WE HAVE THE PLAYERS WHO CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

What a week of European football! At half-time against Villarreal, as bad as we'd played, I was still quite confident and honestly believed that we'd score.

The introduction of Luis Diaz made a big difference, he gave us more energy down that left-hand side and we got to grips with it a bit more. At the same time I can't see how they would change that much, Villarreal – it did look like they resorted to the way they'd played at Anfield. Maybe it was more to do with the way that Liverpool changed and our domination in the second half. Even so, credit to them starting the game exceptionally well.

Another second-half introduction was James Milner who's been brilliant again in recent weeks. He's the consummate professional, looks after himself, 100 per cent commitment every time he pulls that jersey on and that's what fans like to see.

I think I'm right in saying this is the longest he's stayed at any club in his career. Is he in the top three to start in Liverpool's midfield in this moment in time? Probably not, so he's got to weigh that up. But I think everybody would like him to stay. He's got a good influence around the dressing-room.

This evening it's all about winning, more so than the performance. Antonio Conte's not one of these managers who plays gung-ho football – it's a more measured approach. But like Liverpool, they've got players who can make a difference.

Harry Kane is joint-top of the 'through-ball' stats. He's become a more all-rounded player, not just an out-and-out goalscorer, and any time you play a high line and someone like him gets into these little pockets of space and can pick a pass, and you've got a willing runner like Son, it can cause you problems. But it's whether they can handle our threats too.

It's one of these games, when they put up the remaining games graphic on the TV, which Manchester City fans would be hoping we slip up in. But we know what it's all about. We've done it in the past and we can do it again.

And under the lights at Anfield, a night game, it should be an even better atmosphere.

HEAD 2 HEAD

Reds 300-up in a fixture that promises goals

◆ *In the Premier League tonight's teams have met 59 times, with Liverpool winning on 29 occasions and drawing 16 with 14 defeats. Of the 28 Anfield encounters the Reds have won 19 and drawn eight with two losses. The defeats came back in August 1993 and May 2011.*

◆ *There have been 170 goals scored in Premier League meetings between Liverpool and Spurs with only Reds fixtures with Arsenal (175) producing more.*

◆ *Liverpool's next goal here will be their 300th netted in the league under Jürgen Klopp at Anfield – this is his 128th game. In the last 19 league meetings home and away with Tottenham Hotspur, the Reds have failed to score only once: in the manager's first game in charge at LFC in October 2015 which ended goalless at White Hart Lane.*

◆ *For only the third time in the club's history have three Liverpool players scored at 20 goals in a season in all competitions: Mo Salah, Diogo Jota and Sadio Mane.*

◆ *Robbie Fowler, with six, has scored more Premier League goals against Spurs than any Liverpool player, with Roberto Firmino and Mo Salah among those on five. Salah meanwhile has scored 21 goals in his last 25 home league appearances against London opposition.*

◆ *Last season's meeting with Spurs at Anfield was one of four with supporters in attendance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Matches with Wolves, West Brom and Tottenham were played in front of 2,000 fans with the season finishing against Crystal Palace with a 10,000 crowd.*

WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (LEAGUE)

48%	25%	27%
75 Wins	40 Draws	42 Defeats

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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FC
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...beat Barcelona 4-0 in the second leg of the UEFA Champions League semi-final on this day in 2019

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FC
...have kept three clean-sheets in their previous 25 league matches on this ground

MOST LIVERPOOL CLEAN SHEETS IN A PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON

	Clean sheets	Season
Alisson	21	2018/19
Pepe Reina	20	2005/06
Pepe Reina	20	2008/09
Alisson	20*	2021/22
Pepe Reina	19	2006/07
Pepe Reina	18	2007/08
David James	17	1994/95
Jerzy Dudek	17	2001/02
Pepe Reina	17	2009/10
David James	16	1995/96

*as of 30.04.22

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UP & CLOSE & PERSONAL

Another year, another incredibly tight two-horse title race, and Sadio Mane is promising the Kop he and his Liverpool team-mates will keep going to the very end

Four games to go. One point between Liverpool and Manchester City. Tottenham arriving at Anfield fighting for Champions League football. No room for error. As one Scouse banner puts it, 'Me Nerves'.

But if Liverpool are to go gathering cups in May then any nervousness must be swept aside. Belief and focus must come to the fore. So there is nobody better to ask about keeping calm in the heat of battle than one of the most relaxed men in the Anfield dressing-room, the always smiling Sadio Mane.

Just how do you avoid getting nervous with three more trophies at stake this month?

"If you focus on it too much, sometimes it makes you nervous so as players we are relaxed about it because we know how good the team is," he says in such a chilled manner that you'd think Liverpool were chasing a quadruple every May.

"It is not something we have to talk about, but we know it is our target and now we have to make sure we do everything possible to do it. Every single day we give our best in training and we have to make sure we do this in the games."

That English football has a title race with just one point in it at this stage of the season is in stark contrast to Spain, Germany and France where Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Paris St Germain have all wrapped up their domestic titles with games to spare.

Liverpool ran away with the Premier League title in 2019/20 and Manchester City went clear in 2020/21, but this season's battle harks back to 2018/19 when the two clubs finished on 98 and 97 points after an epic run-in. Mane believes such a fight sets the Premier League apart and he is hoping that, unlike in 2018/19, the Cityzens slip up along the way.

"I think it makes the Premier League so special. We can see how close we have been to each other over the years and it is amazing. For sure, we are always praying Man City draw or lose and we win all the games because winning the Premier League is not happening every single year and we have a chance this year.

"City have one point in hand, but sometime this year we were ten points behind so we are making sure we win games and hoping someone can at least take a point against Man City [laughs]!"

WORDS: Chris McLoughlin

Because the destination of the Premier League title isn't in Liverpool's hands, Sadio is reluctant to talk about 'what ifs', but he and his team-mates are well-aware that as the Reds edge closer to achieving the previously unachievable, talk of potentially being the greatest team this country has ever seen will only grow.

"I think it is too early to speak about his year being the best because we are still playing and we have many big games to go. We are still behind City and we know they are top. But for sure, it is some story and we are here to make it. We know it won't be easy, but it is possible so we work every single day to make sure we are going to achieve it. For us it would be amazing.

"All the boys will give everything they can to win the Premier League because it is big for us, for the club and for the fans. I am a fighter, I know it! I want to win, I want to go for everything, but at the end of the day if it doesn't work it is part of life to deal with.

"In my career I sacrifice everything for football. I want to be 100 per cent fit, 100 per cent ready. For me it is really important and all the boys here are preparing themselves every single day to make sure we achieve these big things.

"We won the Carabao Cup and in the Premier League we will see – it's one of our biggest targets. Now we have massive games, but anything is possible in football.

"We also have the final of the Champions League and in the FA Cup we are in the final so hopefully it will be a crazy year for myself and for the team."

It has already been a crazy year for Mane on a personal level. He scored the decisive spot-kick to give Senegal their first ever Africa Cup of Nations success and followed it up by converting another penalty to send the Lions of Teranga to the World Cup finals in Qatar. His next goal at international level will also mean Sadio becomes Senegal's all-time leading goalscorer with himself and Henri Camara currently on 29 goals apiece.

Success at AFCON 2022 fulfilled a childhood dream for Mane, although out of respect for Mo Salah, whose Egypt were beaten on penalties in both the final and World Cup finals play-off, he remains very humble about his achievements.

"Winning the Africa Cup is something that has always been my dream and I think it was one of the things that made me dream to become a football player because I used to watch my national team. It was the biggest dream of my career and I achieved it in a very good way.

"Secondly we qualified for the World Cup and, with respect to Mo, it is for your country.

"I think we [himself and Mo] only wanted to meet in the final [of AFCON] so that was good for him and good for me as well because one of us would make our country proud.

"I think Mo is doing well for his country and he has sacrificed everything for his country. He wanted to win the Africa Cup, but sadly he didn't. I won it and that is part of life. Sometimes we speak about it, especially when we

"ALL THE BOYS WILL GIVE EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO WIN THE PREMIER LEAGUE BECAUSE IT IS BIG FOR US, FOR THE CLUB AND FOR THE FANS. I WANT TO WIN, I WANT TO GO FOR EVERYTHING"

had to go to penalty-kicks twice because that made things even stranger.

"That is something which is part of life and I am happy to win the Africa Cup for the first time for my country."

The people of Senegal were so happy about it that Mane now has a stadium named after him in Sedhiou, the town closest to his home village of Bambali. The town's mayor paid tribute to Mane on behalf of "all the daughters and sons of the region" for the way he had represented his home. It was something Sadio was asked about on BBC Football Focus last weekend.

"The stadium is 18 miles from my village and when I was young I used to play in Sedhiou because all the games were there," he said. "It was our biggest stadium in the town and in my childhood my dream was to play there. So when I was playing there I would think I was at Anfield!

"To have the stadium named after you is a big thing for me and I'm very, very pleased and very happy and proud about it.

"I have always said it was not easy growing up in a small village. Like I always said, there was no support for me at all to become a football player because they never thought it would happen because it had never happened before. For them there was just no way. So why should we fight, spend or use our energy for nothing? It's what they thought.

"That was the biggest problem and I think now I showed in life you never have to give up because it is possible."

Mane, who has made significant charitable donations so that a new school and hospital could be built in Bambali, also now hopes that he can be an example for youngsters growing up in Senegal now to aspire to follow. And who knows, maybe they'll have a quadruple-winner to idolise by the end of May.

"It is my goal to make sure all the boys who want to become a football player can have someone like me who can support them and advise them, and there are people who can make it possible to become football players," he says.

"For me, I am the best player who came from a small village to play for the biggest club in the world. Every day, for this to be possible, is something which is incredible.

"Being a Liverpool player is something I'm very happy about and I'm proud to wear the shirt, especially as we are going for this quadruple. It makes it even better."

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DEJAN **KULUSEVSKI**

A versatile player often utilised in a wide position, the Swede moved from Juventus in January on an 18-month loan and has quickly found his feet in the Premier League with eight goalscoring assists. He was voted as the best young player in Serie A for 2019/20.

CAPITAL TESTS PROVING TOUGH FOR SPURS

Playing so many derbies is always a test for the London clubs and Spurs have found the going tough on the road to their closest rivals.

Overall Tottenham have won almost half of their away games this season with eight wins from 17 fixtures.

However, four of their six defeats have come on the grounds of Crystal Palace (0-3), Arsenal (1-3), West Ham (0-1) and Chelsea (0-2), while they have also lost twice in the North West at Burnley (0-1) and Manchester United (2-3).

However, Antonio Conte's team have collected 10 points from their last 15 on their travels, although last time out they were held to a goalless draw at another relatively near neighbour in Brentford.

RODRIGO **BENTANCUR**

The midfielder won league titles with Boca Juniors and Juventus before joining Spurs for an undisclosed fee during the winter transfer window. The Uruguayan is known as a hard-working yet elegant performer in the middle of the park and adds to the versatility in Tottenham's engine room.

EMERSON **ROYAL**

The attacking right-back arrived in North London from Barcelona on the final day of the summer transfer window and has made a strong impression during his first season at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. The Brazilian international has also played for Ponte Preta and Atletico Mineiro in his homeland and has had a couple of loan spells with Real Betis.

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SPURS GOING HEAD TO HEAD WITH THEIR NORTH LONDON RIVALS IN BID TO REACH CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Tottenham Hotspur are battling it out with North London rivals Arsenal for a place in the top four and UEFA Champions League qualification.

The two sides are set to meet at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Thursday evening and both clubs will want to go into that game on a winning note. While Spurs visit Anfield tonight, the Gunners host Leeds United tomorrow afternoon.

Following last weekend's games, Spurs were two points behind Mikel Arteta's side with four games remaining. Manchester United were three points adrift of fifth-placed Tottenham having played two games more.

After last Sunday's 3-1 home victory over Leicester City, his 100th game as a Premier League manager, head coach Antonio Conte said: "It was vital to get three points. There was a lot of pressure but I told my players to enjoy this moment because we deserved it after really great work that we did in these six months.

"No-one could have imagined when I arrived in November we could be in this race still, but these players are deserving to fight for such an important place. It is not easy to qualify for the Champions League in England."

Tottenham were eighth in the table after 17 games when they parted company with Nuno Espirito Santo. Since taking over, Conte has seen his side collect an impressive 1.92 points per game.

Despite some early frustrations, Conte has managed to put his imprint on the side, aided by the addition of two Juventus players who had impressed him during his recent spell at the helm of Inter Milan.

Winger Dejan Kulusevski and midfielder Rodrigo Bentancur have both made impressive starts to their Spurs careers.

Atalanta centre-back Cristian Romero, signed in the summer on a season-long loan, is another to have flourished under the Italian.

Spurs had started Conte's reign by winning six of his first nine Premier League games before a run of five successive defeats in late January and February threatened to throw their ambitions off course.

However, the club's push for the Champions League has seen them win seven out of their last ten, starting with a 4-0 win at Leeds United at the back-end of February.

In the cup competitions, Spurs' best performance came in the Carabao Cup where they reached the semi-finals before losing to Chelsea. They bowed out of the FA Cup at Middlesbrough in the fifth-round and also exited the new UEFA Europa Conference League in the group stage.

Forwards Heung-min Son (19) and Harry Kane (13) have shouldered most of the goalscoring burden in the Premier League with more than half of the team's 59 goals between them. Kane and Kulusevski have provided the most assists (8) with Son also weighing in with seven.

Only the Reds' Mohamed Salah (127) has produced more shots in PL action this season than Kane (110) and the Spurs' no10 is joint top of the through-ball standings with 21, level with Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes. Goalkeeper Hugo Lloris is the team's only Premier League ever-present.

ANTONIO CONTE

Head Coach

The 52-year-old Italian has won titles in Serie A, including a hat-trick of scudettos with Juventus, the Premier League, and also managed Italy, leading the Azzurri to the quarter-finals of Euro 2016.

He achieved legendary status as a player at Juventus (1991-2004). A midfielder, he won five scudettos in Turin, the UEFA Cup in 1993 and the Champions League in 1996. He also earned 20

THE SQUAD FOR 2021/22

1 HUGO LLORIS
Goalkeeper
Age: 35
Nationality: French

12 EMERSON ROYAL
Defender
Age: 23
Nationality: Brazilian

8 HARRY WINKS
Midfielder
Age: 26
Nationality: English

22 PIERLUIGI GOLLINI
Goalkeeper
Age: 27
Nationality: Italian

14 JOE RODON
Defender
Age: 24
Nationality: Welsh

27 LUCAS MOURA
Midfielder
Age: 29
Nationality: Brazilian

40 BRANDON AUSTIN
Goalkeeper
Age: 23
Nationality: English

15 ERIC DIER
Defender
Age: 28
Nationality: English

29 OLIVER SKIPP
Midfielder
Age: 21
Nationality: English

2 MATT DOHERTY
Defender
Age: 30
Nationality: Irish

19 RYAN SESSEGNON
Defender
Age: 21
Nationality: English

30 RODRIGO BENTANCUR
Midfielder
Age: 24
Nationality: Uruguayan

3 SERGIO REGUILON
Defender
Age: 25
Nationality: Spanish

25 JAPHET TANGANGA
Defender
Age: 23
Nationality: English

21 DEJAN KULUSEVSKI
Winger
Age: 22
Nationality: Swedish

4 CRISTIAN ROMERO
Defender
Age: 24
Nationality: Argentinian

33 BEN DAVIES
Defender
Age: 29
Nationality: Welsh

23 STEVEN BERGWIJN
Winger
Age: 24
Nationality: Dutch

6 DAVINSON SANCHEZ
Defender
Age: 25
Nationality: Colombian

5 PIERRE-EMILE HOJBJERG
Midfielder
Age: 26
Nationality: Danish

10 HARRY KANE
Forward
Age: 28
Nationality: English

caps for Italy and was part of squads that finished runners-up in the 1994 World Cup and Euro 2000.

Antonio began his coaching career as an assistant in Siena in 2005 and had spells at Arezzo, Bari – where he won Serie B – and Atalanta before returning to Juventus in 2011. He won the title in each of his first three seasons. After two years in charge of Italy, he returned to club football with Chelsea in 2016 and secured the Premier League crown in his first season.

He added the FA Cup in 2018 before moving back to Internazionale in 2019. Having finished second in Serie A in 2019/20, and reaching the final of the Europa League, Conte guided Inter to their first title in 11 years last season.

Last Sunday he took charge of his 100th Premier League game.

7 HEUNG-MIN SON
Forward
Age: 29
Nationality: South Korean

The versatile attacker's seventh season at Spurs is proving to be one of his best and he has already produced his highest Premier League goalscoring return of 19, a tally he first reached last season. The captain of South Korea, he is just two games away from reaching the milestone of 100 caps for his country.

A BADGE OF HISTORY

Spurs' first official badge was the 'fighting cock' introduced in 1921.

It stayed for 30 years before being replaced by a cockerel, albeit in the same style. A decade later a new crest saw the cockerel standing on a big blue football and the framing of a shield removed.

In 1983 a new-look ornate logo saw the cockerel redrawn to feature more white and blue contouring, while the ball was turned into a circle with two red 'rampant' lions on either side of a medallion. A yellow ribbon was added with the club's motto 'Audere Est Facere', which means 'To Dare Is To Do'.

A simplified version was introduced in 1995 before the most colourful Tottenham logo to date was revealed in 1997: a royal blue crest in a thick yellow frame with many graphical symbols as a celebration of Spurs' legacy and heritage.

In 1999 Tottenham returned to their 1983 emblem before a sleeker, contemporary design was unveiled in 2006, a modern interpretation of the 1963 logo.

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Six images celebrating the 40th anniversary of Liverpool's 13th league title win, secured here against Spurs

1. *A win against Tottenham would secure the 1981/82 league title for the Reds, but after Glenn Hoddle opened the scoring spectacularly it took this headed goal (above) from Mark Lawrenson (not pictured) to put Liverpool level.*

2. *Lawro's goal came in the 51st minute and four minutes later Kenny Dalglish beat Spurs goalie Ray Clemence to make it 2-1 (right). Ronnie Whelan sealed the win, and the championship, late on.*

3. *It was Clem's first return to Anfield since signing for Tottenham in 1981 after making 665 appearances for LFC. He was afforded a rapturous reception by the Kop and was embraced by Phil Thompson at full-time.*

4. *Ray's replacement, Bruce Grobbelaar (left), had been lambasted for his earlier performances, but he got better and won his first title after the Reds won 20 and drew three of their final 25 games to go from 12th to top.*

5. *Victorious Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness lifted his first league title as captain and celebrated with his team-mates, although left-back Alan Kennedy missed the photo!*

6. *Inside Anfield's inner-sanctum (below), manager Bob Paisley also toasted the triumph with Boot Room boys (left-to-right) Ronnie Moran, Roy Evans, Tom Saunders, John Bennison and Joe Fagan.*

THE 1982 LEAGUE TITLE WIN MEANT LIVERPOOL HAD FINISHED AS CHAMPIONS IN FIVE OF THE LAST SEVEN SEASONS, ALL OF THEM UNDER PAISLEY'S MANAGEMENT. THE REDS RETAINED THE TROPHY IN 1982/83, BOB'S LAST SEASON IN CHARGE, AND WON IT AGAIN IN 1983/84 AFTER JOE FAGAN TOOK OVER.

Q&A with JOEL MATIP

The centre-back on the joy of playing in this Liverpool side, the benefits of rotation, the occasional dribble and the will to go the extra yard

Joel, after a couple of difficult seasons with really unfortunate injuries, you're having a good run in the team at the moment…
It's great for me personally to be fit and to be able to play. I'm looking forward to staying fit and helping the team and being there to really challenge in these final few weeks of the season.

The defence has been absolutely fantastic this season, having conceded only 22 Premier League goals – what is the secret to that?
I think it's because we defend as a whole team. It starts with the offence and how the attackers put pressure on the opposing players. It's just the whole team and how we defend and I think we are improving in that too.

Those figures are not too bad. We know that we make it uncomfortable for a lot of teams so we will aim to keep working like that.

Your form has been very good and you have contributed at both ends of the field – do you think this is the best form of your time at Liverpool?
I think for me it has been easier because I didn't have a big injury and I have been able to keep on going. We are just in great shape as a team and everybody is performing well both individually and as a team.

Like I say, we are just in a good shape right now and I think you can see this from everyone of my team-mates.

You have become known for your dribbles out of defence – do you just see space open up and decide to attack?
It's just one of the options that is available. Of course I always try to pass but sometimes it is easier to take a few steps forward and drag some of my opponents out and maybe make some more space for my team-mates or some more space for me. I just look to see if the opportunity is there and, if it helps, then why not?

The manager has rotated this season so you could rest from time to time and also give some opportunities to Ibrahima Konate…
Ibou has done a great job whenever he's been called upon so there is no reason why he should not play too. I think especially with my history of injuries, it has also fitted quite well to my situation.

"IBOU HAS DONE A GREAT JOB WHENEVER HE'S BEEN CALLED UPON SO THERE IS NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT PLAY TOO"

It's almost six years that you've been at Anfield now. You have been part of a lot of really good Liverpool teams but is this the best?

We always had a lot of quality but I think we are evolving. Our game with the ball gets better and better. And I think against the ball we have always been quite a threat. But I think from the beginning of this season – especially with the ball against a deep-standing team or against a pressing team – we have developed more solutions.

And yes, looking from the back sometimes it's quite nice to see. When the manager makes changes and somebody comes in after 60 or 70 minutes and you see the kind of impact that those players have been making, it's amazing.

Jürgen Klopp has called you his best free signing – that's quite a compliment but does it feel like you've been at the club for six years?

It's a really long time. I didn't know if it would be that long when I first signed but of course I was really looking for that. I hope it's going to stay like this for a while.

It has always been a really positive experience, apart

Q&A with MATIP

from my personal injuries, but it's a great club, a great team, a great coach, and I'm really lucky to be part of this.

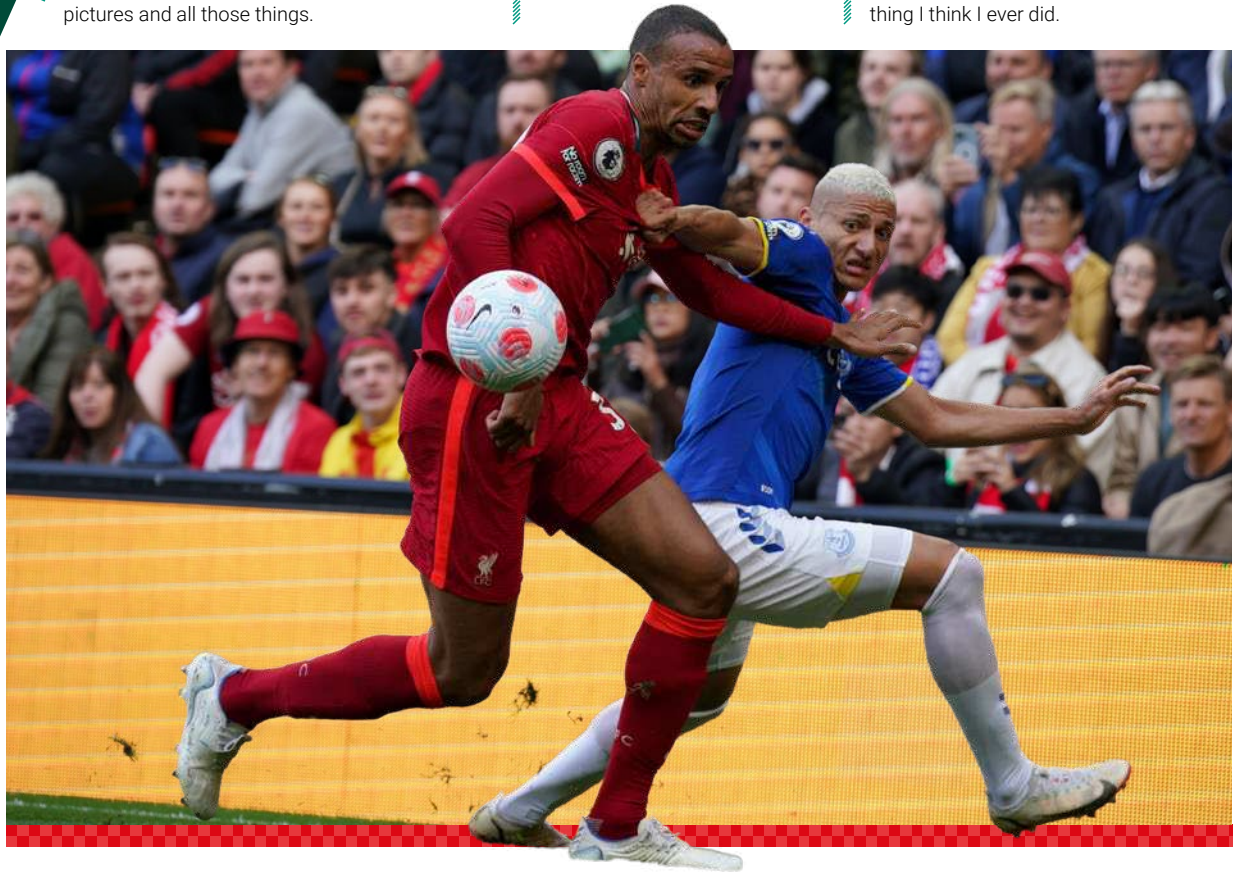
Do you appreciate how much of a fans' favourite you are?

If I meet people, they are always great to me and some of my team-mates remember me from time to time and send me some fans' pictures and all those things.

I'm really honoured and really happy to be just part of the club and that people like me is the biggest plus. It makes me really feel comfortable and at home here.

You became a father last year...

Yes, life has changed since we had our son Nathan. He is now the centre of life for my wife and myself and we are really happy but it is also a really intense thing like every parent will know! There are lots of sleepless nights but it is the best thing in our lives and I wouldn't change it even if it's sometimes the most intense thing I think I ever did.



"WE KNOW OUR SITUATION AND THAT WE HAVE TO WIN EVERY GAME SO WE CAN ONLY GIVE 100 PER CENT"

The fans enjoyed your celebrations after the Carabao Cup final at Wembley – hopefully you'll get to repeat them next Saturday in the FA Cup final?
That would be great, of course, but it's still a long way off with Tottenham to focus on first and then Aston Villa. I'm sure that will be a really difficult game when it comes around, just as all our remaining fixtures will be. But we are in good shape and hopefully in the end we can look forward to lifting another trophy.

When you won the Premier League in 2020 you weren't able to celebrate at Anfield in front of all your fans – that must be something you'd love to do at the end of this season?
Of course it would make a massive difference, but it's a long way to get there. Everybody would look forward to a moment like that, but there will be some tough and hard games first and right now we can't look any further ahead than Tottenham.

We need to be aware that our opponents will be at us from the first second and will try everything. But we will fight and we will try to play our football and if we can do that then I'm confident that we can get a good result.

We know our situation and that we have to win every game so we can only give 100 per cent of ourselves. There's no time for breaks so we just have to fight and try to knock them down. This is how we have to go into this game.

And having the backing of those supporters in the ground again makes a big difference?
Yes, even when you're maybe feeling a bit tired it gives you the extra push to go the last yard because we know that every inch counts in the end so we have to be there.

The support from the fans always gives you this extra push so we will need it on our journey and it would be perfect if we can get our hands on more trophies for the fans.

The manager said recently that he's got quite a simple message to the team at the moment: think about each game as though it was your last…
That's how we have to approach it. That's the only way to be successful and so we really try to put everything in, every single time we play. It's not always easy but we have tried to do it and to make it happen. So we have to be prepared to go the extra metre because we know it could be a really decisive metre.

As good as it gets

Saturday 2 September 1978 and another classic LFC photo gets the colourised treatment – this time for what Bob Paisley described as "the greatest goal Anfield has ever seen."

This early season fixture was as one-sided as they come. Spurs, back in the top flight after spending the 1977/78 campaign in Division Two, simply came up against a red machine in full effect that few, if any, teams could live with.

"Red telepathy is genius," reads the *Guardian* match report headline, as a stellar Liverpool performance ended in a 7-0 victory.

Pictured here is Terry McDermott, quite rightly jubilant after finishing a move of the highest quality for the day's final goal – but more on that later.

Kenny Dalglish's turn and low shot in front of the Kop after eight minutes set the tone, with our no7 adding a second when diverting Jimmy Case's strike home on twenty.

Ray Kennedy made it three on the half-hour, rising highest to head in McDermott's centre, and the second period had barely begun when David Johnson, on for the injured Emlyn Hughes, fired home a loose ball.

Dalglish turned provider for Johnson's second and Liverpool's fifth soon after, with Phil Neal's twice-taken penalty making it six with 25 minutes still to play.

And so to the 76th-minute goal that was eerily near-replicated by Trent Alexander-Arnold, Andy Robertson and Mo Salah for the latter's goal against Manchester City here in 2019.

Old Liverpool FC In Colour: "With his distinctive 'Scouse' perm, Terry McDermott wheels away in delight after scoring his most famous goal and supporters in the Main Stand rise to their feet in appreciation.

"Tottenham Hotspur, with their Argentine World Cup stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa, have just been taught a footballing lesson.

"It's a game that will forever be eulogised about and one that left even the most seasoned of observers struggling to find new superlatives to explain what they had witnessed.

"It's the final goal that's imprinted on the memory. Dalglish supplied Johnson, out on the right, and his raking cross-field pass picked out Steve Heighway who was racing down the opposite flank.

"From Heighway's perfectly-weighted centre, an in-rushing McDermott applied the finishing touch, heading the ball in at the far post [Heighway is pictured in the background].

"It was a fluent attacking move from one end of the pitch to the other that ripped the opposition apart in just a matter of seconds.

"Paisley described it as the best he had ever seen, and few would argue. It was the perfect finish to the perfect performance."

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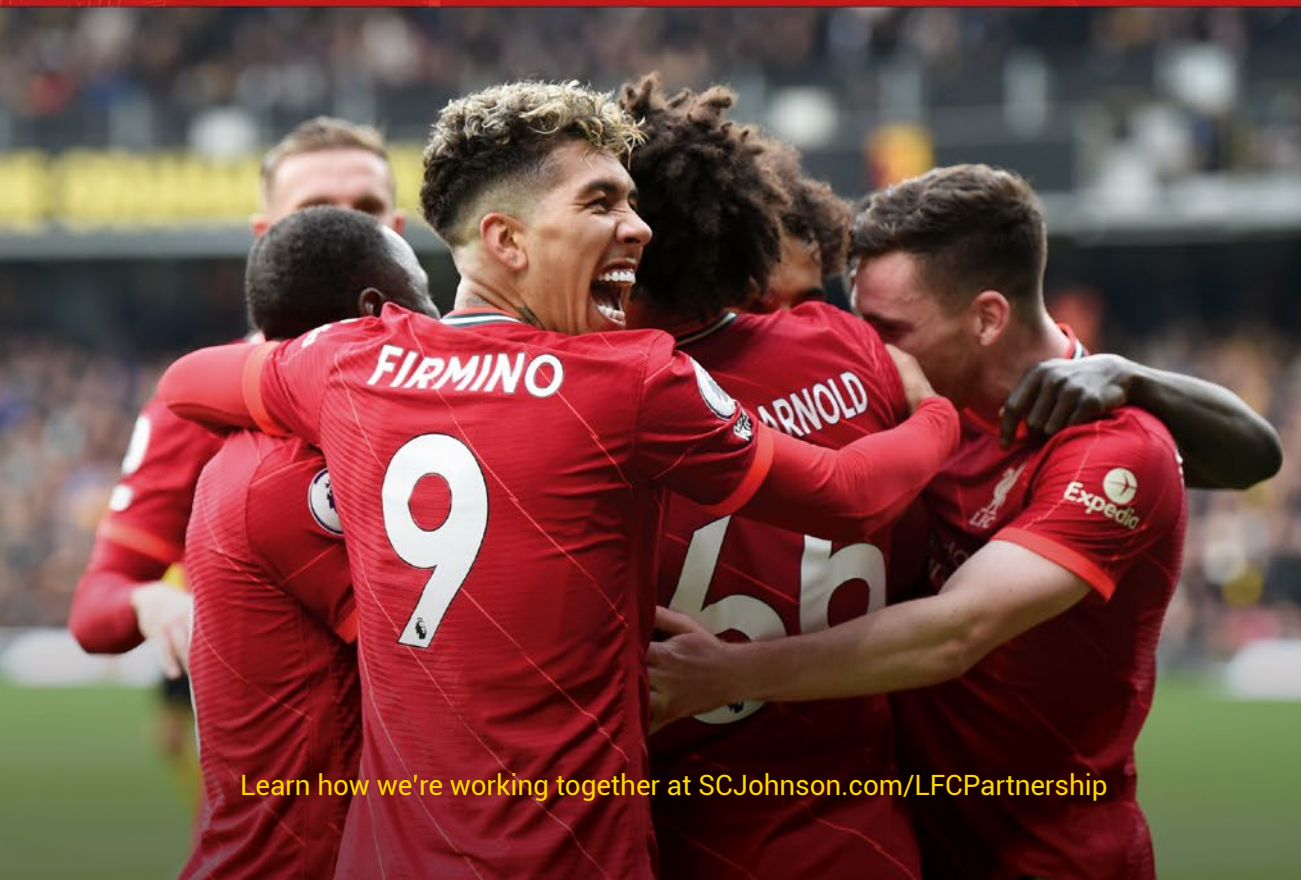

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ANFIELD XTRA

ALL ROUND THE FIELDS OF ANFIELD ROAD WHERE ONCE WE WATCHED THE KING KENNY PLAY

GERRY FOREVER

As Kopites will have noticed, Anfield has a new permanent memorial in honour of the late great Gerry Marsden. Officially unveiled by his wife Pauline ahead of the recent Merseyside derby, it's situated between the Sir Kenny Dalglish Stand and Spion Kop and features a bronze scarf with the words 'YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE' and a photo of Gerry wearing an LFC tie gifted to him by Bill Shankly.

Gerry, who with his band The Pacemakers gave the club its heart-and-soul anthem 58 years ago, passed away in January 2021. His voice and particularly that song is not just part of the fabric of Anfield – it *is* Anfield. Matchdays would not be the same without it.

Marsden was born-and-raised in Liverpool 8, never forgot his roots and regularly appeared at Anfield down the years, sometimes on the pitch leading the crowd in singing *YNWA* for testimonials and concerts.

He was made an MBE in 2003 for his music and his services to charity, and was awarded the Freedom of Liverpool in 2009.

The song itself was adopted by the Kop in the early 'Swinging Sixties' when the fans on the terrace were also belting out hits by The Beatles and Cilla Black.

The team's kit had changed to all-red, and heroes like manager Shankly and players Roger Hunt, Ian St John and Ron Yeats were idolised. On 2 November 1963 the song went to the top of the 'Hit Parade' and stayed there for four weeks.

When a DJ called Stewart Bateman first played *YNWA* inside the ground he "could not believe the reaction from the crowd" who sang along. When the single eventually dropped from the charts, he kept playing it at Anfield before kick-off by popular demand – and it seemed to inspire Shankly's Reds to the 1963/64 title. The rest is history.

ANFIELD REVIEW WITH...

CHARLIE SALT

The bassist from chart-topping indie powerhouse **Blossoms** on his love with Liverpool FC and the band's 'more mature' fourth album Ribbon Around The Bomb

Anyone who knows Blossoms will be aware that we're very proud of our Stockport roots, but my love for the Reds started with my dad who has always been a Liverpool fan. Growing up in the 1970s and 80s he saw the glory years with so many iconic players. I watched the documentary on *The Boot Room Boys* recently and it was so interesting to reflect on. It reminded me of just how amazing Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley were.

When I was of an age to appreciate football and get into it, my dad said to me, "Rather than following United or City like all my schoolmates, why don't you support Liverpool?" I was learning to swim at the time and he said, "If you can swim a length then I'll buy you your first Liverpool shirt." That was the 1998 Reebok Carlsberg home shirt and I've been infatuated with the club ever since!

My fondest memory growing up would always be Istanbul. I watched that at my grandparents' house with my family. We dressed the lounge up with flags. I was crying by the end of it. The next day in school the class clapped when I came in which I vividly remember.

Surprisingly it wasn't difficult growing up a Liverpool fan in Greater Manchester. I felt more at ease being a Red when I joined primary school, we'd play football every lunchtime in the playground and we had a dinner lady called Irene who was from Toxteth. She used to referee the games every lunchtime with a little notepad to write the scores in with yellow and red cards and at the end of the school term, she'd always bring me in something Liverpool-related.

When I left school she bought me a pair of Liverpool trainers – how nice is that?

As a band we have a deep and spiritual connection with the city. There's something in the water here, I love the people, I love the football club, I love the history and I think all the best songwriters have all come from Liverpool, there's just magic flowing.

We've recorded all of our albums to date in the city-centre so it really is a home away from home. We recorded our first single at Parr Street in 2014 and have gone on to make two no1 records there.

We've just released our fourth album *Ribbon Around The Bomb* and we're champing at the bit to get back on the road and play it live. The record nods to classic songwriters and is more cinematic than our previous work with big string sections.

The last few years have been amazing

As told to Rhys Buchanan

for us as a band. We've had a chance to reset and recharge, we've matured and found ourselves, and we're going to be better than ever through the summer and beyond.

As for the Reds, you can just tell that the future is golden. When all those players run out on matchday, they've all got a smile on their face, they're all playing for the manager and each other. Even when you look at the backroom staff they're all just beaming. I mean, I'd love to be a part of that team, wouldn't you? Can you imagine being a part of that in that dressing-room? You've got to be confident moving forward. Jürgen has just signed his contract, these are the days and we should be grateful for every moment – it's what we're all in it for!

Recipes for SUCCESS

With Liverpool FC head of nutrition **MONA NEMMER**

AVOCADO CHOCOLATE CAKE

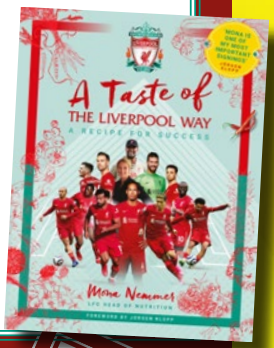
"Planning our meals to prevent food-waste and shopping sensibly – locally and in-season if possible – plays a big part in our cooking and catering at Anfield and the AXA Training Centre, where we also recycle as much as possible. As part of the LFC Family we feel we have a duty towards supporting the planet and what we call a sustainable way of life, and that we can all do our bit.

"Recent generations have become a little bit spoilt by the availability of different types of food from every part of the world all year round. Avocados, for example, are a 'superfood' and in huge demand but it takes lots of air-miles and CO2 emissions to transport them. So this recipe should be looked at as just an occasional treat. And as an alternative to avocado, try a banana instead."

You need: *3 eggs; 200g almond flour; 1 avocado; 8tsp cocoa powder; 2 tsp baking powder; 1 tsp vanilla extract; 6 tsp agave syrup; 160ml unsweetened almond milk.*

To prepare: *use a mixer/blender – add all the ingredients, start at a slow pace and add the almond milk slowly; mix until you have a lovely chocolate dough; pre-heat the oven to 180°C; shape the dough into little muffin forms on silicon baking trays and bake for 35 minutes; stick a wooden skewer in the cake and when there is no more dough left, we are ready to go – it's easy to do and gives you a guarantee around your baking process.*

Taken from the new official book A Taste of the Liverpool Way by Mona Nemmer which shows aspiring young footballers and fans of all ages how fresh seasonal food can help them to be healthy and strong like their heroes.



BORN & RED

In memory of Barry Jones. A loving husband, father, grandfather and lifelong Liverpool FC supporter who passed away on 20 April 2022 aged 66. Forever in the hearts of his wife Val, his children Lee, Neil, Craig & Becky and all of his grandchildren. Here's to you Baz, YNWA.

A big welcome to Matthew Nugent who has travelled from Belfast today to watch the game with his uncle Charlie. Matthew is hoping that Liverpool can continue their fantastic run of form and also hopes to see a goal from Luis Diaz.

Zac Dixon, aged five and from the Isle of Man, is here at Anfield for the Spurs game with his dad Pete. His favourite player is Mo, although Diaz is becoming a real favourite too!

Eileen and Chris have ventured from their basement LFC fan zone and are thrilled to cheer on the Reds in person today! YNWA.

Jaimil's lifelong dream came true when his brother Rajan took him to Anfield to see the Reds beat Man Utd 4-0. Here's to many more!

Birthday wishes in memory of our dearly-loved son and brother. Happy 22nd birthday, Michael. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Andrew, Christopher & Luis xxxxx YNWA.

Wishing Freya Holmes a huge happy fourth birthday with lots of love from Daddy, Mummy, Nathan, Nana Pat and Grandad John.

Bobby Reddy, a Kopite for over 80 years, sadly passed away on 15 April 2022. Going the game won't be the same. You'll Never Walk Alone xx

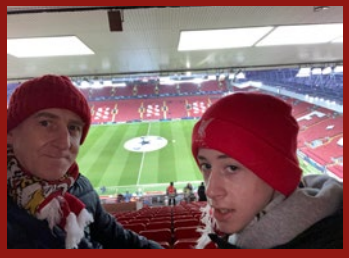
Happy second birthday, Sienna. Love from Daddy & Mummy. YNWA.

Happy 12th birthday to Oliver Ellis.

We mourn the loss of one very special lady, lovely friend and colleague, Ann Ball, who passed away very suddenly last month. Many of you will know Ann who started working at LFC in 1979 in the club shop and then moved into the ticketing & hospitality team. Always helpful, always smiling. She will be missed so much by everyone at the club. Our heartfelt deepest sympathy goes to her husband Andy, children Lauren, Evie and James and all her family. YNWA.

Jude Corrrigan from Tramore, Waterford, is attending his first Liverpool game at Anfield, with his dad Owen and grandad Eddie on the Kop!

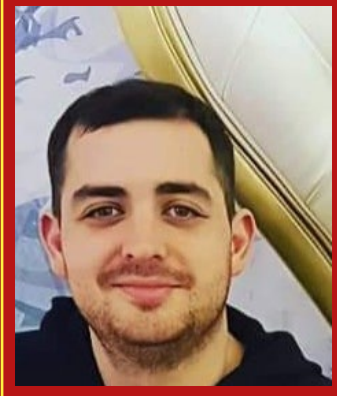
Noah's first match watching his favourite team, accompanied by his dad & grandad!



Matthew with his dad Derek on their latest trip to Anfield from Dublin. Happy 15th birthday Matthew!

Happy birthday, Looknum! Let's watch many more games together forever! Littikorn7.

Shane and Johnny have travelled from Co Kildare for today's game. They have been friends for years and share a passion for LFC. Enjoy the day, lads. Suzanne and George.



Theo Gerrard Burton turns nine today. Theo loves Liverpool FC and unless he's in his school uniform he will only ever be seen in one of his many LFC shirts. His favourite player is Alisson Becker and you'll be sure to hear him shout out "Come on boys" tonight!

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It was great to see this tweet from Reds legend Ian Rush at the Villarreal first leg: "Solid win @LFC and delighted to see Sean and Martina Cox at Anfield."

Ella Moen with Andy and Sophie Dullaghan from Donegal hoping their Mammys and Daddys in the stands have a great day.

Happy 14th birthday, Elliot. Love you mate. Love from Dad and all your family xx

Aoife, aged nine, is attending her first Liverpool match today. She plays for Portaferry Town and is a massive Reds fan. Mo Salah is her favourite player.

"At some point my grandson Mats (called MF13) will fit the jersey!" writes Michael Dreizehner from Hamburg.

On Sunday 24 April 2022, a dear son, brother and friend was cruelly taken from us. Benjamin Tucker, aged 27, was randomly shot dead in Savannah, USA while visiting his family. Ben was a lifelong Liverpool fan based in London and loved the club immensely. He was a smart, loyal and funny man. He was always there making others around him happier whether it be through laughter or care. You'll Never Walk Alone Ben.

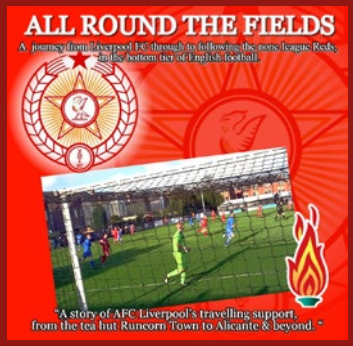
Kevin and David from Ireland supporting the Redmen. You'll never walk alone. Ooosh baby.

Getting ready to watch the Villarreal semi-final in their new kits are Chester, aged ten months in the red kit, and Zion, seven months in the away kit. Come on Liverpool YNWA! From grandparents Gareth and Claudine from the Rhondda.

Ellie Neal from Nottingham celebrates her birthday on 12 May. She attends matches with her dad and brother and Joel Matip is her favourite player YNWA.

Happy seventh birthday Orin. Love, Mam Lisa, Dad Stephen, sisters Brianna & Sadie. YNWA.

BORN & RED


ALL ROUND THE FIELDS
A journey from Liverpool FC through to following the non-league Reds, in the bottom tier of English football
"A story of AFC Liverpool's travelling support, from the tea hut Runcorn Town to Alicante & beyond."

Lifelong Liverpool fan Mike Urban has written an audiobook on AFC Liverpool, the supporters team, entitled *All Round The Fields*. He describes it as "frank and funny and a diarised Bill Bryson-style wander around football's B roads. It won't tell you tales of hiding in luggage-racks all the way to European Cup finals, but it will tell you that Cleator Moor's nearest station is Corkickle!" For more details, email urbanlegend@talktalk.net.

Noah, aged seven, and Jacob, four, are attending their first match at Anfield today!

Francis Monaghan, a lifelong Reds fan, is over at Anfield today from Belfast hoping for three points against Spurs. He's pictured with his nephew John Crangle at the Benfica away game. As they were in the home end they couldn't get too excited when the Reds scored but definitely will today.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs O'Callaghan on their wedding! We wish them a long happy marriage together. Just remember, a husband always needs his Liver Bird, and a wife never lets her husband walk alone. Love, Vanessa, Mam and Neil.

Congratulations to stone-mad, Liverpool FC fan Tom O'Sullivan, who made his confirmation this weekend in Glanmire, Co Cork. He's making his first trip to Anfield today. Love from Ann-Marie and Ryan (Mam and Dad), your brothers Killian, Eoin and Stephen, your mad uncle Tom, and your nan and granddad. May it be the first of many trips. YNWA.

This is eleven-year-old Corey Larmour from Belfast who is attending his first game at Anfield to watch Liverpool take on Spurs and see his favourite player Mo Salah!

Happy birthday to Bill Helsby, who was 70 on 28 April. Lots of love from Stephen, Nicola, Max, Riley, Louise and Rob xx

Jim Behan is over from Ireland for today's game to celebrate his 70th birthday. Here's Jim with his granddaughter Ellis (Spurs fan… blame her dad!) and grandson Logan.

Twenty-four Ukrainian refugees were taken to safety across Europe by three Reds and one Blue recently. Peter O'Brien, Gareth Hale, David Jones and Simon Davies completed a humanitarian aid delivery and welcomed the group into the LFC Family. YNWA Ukraine.

Daniel Morrin, aged seven, and his little sister Emily Morrin, five, from Cork and both with Liver Bird teddies and tops that they got from Santa.

Joseph Mallon is celebrating his 15th birthday at the match – have a fab day!

Carter Rose, aged 14 and from Belfast, on his first trip to Anfield. Enjoy the game! YNWA.

Happy 70th birthday Robert (Dad) a lifelong Red, and happy tenth birthday Maisie, following grandad's footsteps being a devoted Red. We all hope you have fantastic birthdays. Lots of love from all the family xx

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v Tottenham Hotspur

RIAN

AGE: 12
FAVOURITE PLAYER: MO SALAH
SCORE PREDICTION: 2–0

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SAMI

AGE: 7
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FAVOURITE PLAYER: MO SALAH
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Can you work out the former LFC defender by his playing career timeline?

QUICKFIRE ROUND

1. Liverpool have beaten Spurs at five different venues: Anfield, White Hart Lane, Wembley, Tottenham Hotspur Staduim and which other ground?

2. Which goalkeeper has played for both clubs in the Premier League era?

3. Only three players in PL history have scored more goals against the Reds than Harry Kane (seven) - who are they?

4. Both teams have scored in each of the last four meetings on this ground. True or false?

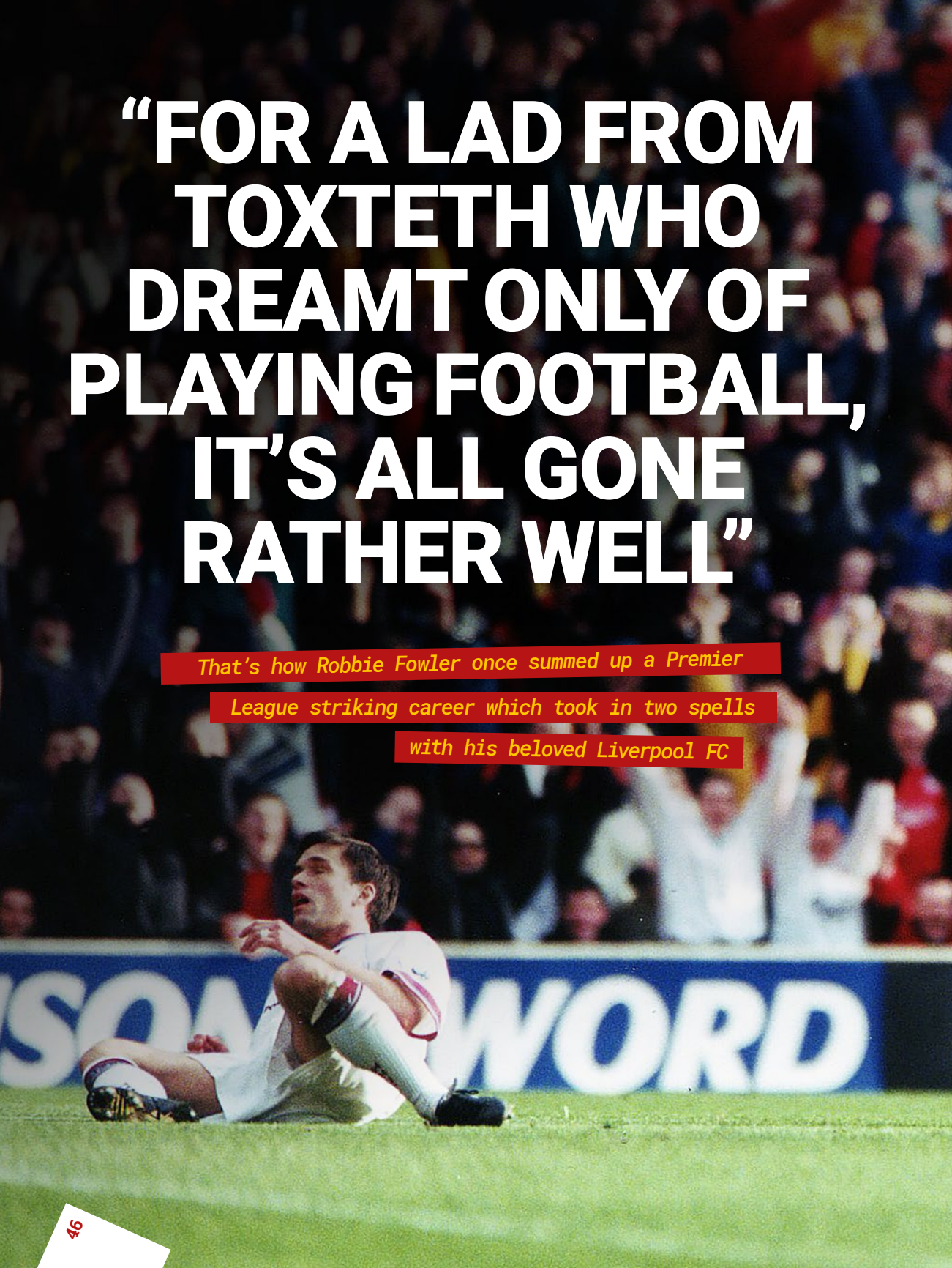
COMPLETE THE XI

Tottenham 2-3 LFC, Mar 2003

ANSWERS: Guess the real ball: B. On the right path: Markus Babbel. Quickfire Round: 1. Wanda Metropolitano, Madrid. 2. Brad Friedel. 3. Andy Cole, Thierry Henry and Jamie Vardy. 4. True. Complete the XI: Jerzy Dudek, Dietmar Hamann, Emile Heskey.

“FOR A LAD FROM TOXTETH WHO DREAMT ONLY OF PLAYING FOOTBALL, IT’S ALL GONE RATHER WELL”

That’s how Robbie Fowler once summed up a Premier League striking career which took in two spells with his beloved Liverpool FC



30 YEARS OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Mohamed Salah is hot on his heels, but no-one has scored more goals for Liverpool during the Premier League era than fellow left-footer, Robbie Fowler. The 'Toxteth Terror' was the very definition of a natural-born goalscorer, finding the back of the net for fun after bursting on to the first-team scene in sensational style in the early Nineties.

Supporters of a certain vintage still remember him as one of their favourite players to wear the red shirt and his impact on top-flight football in England was acknowledged when he was nominated among those shortlisted for this year's Premier League Hall of Fame.

A boyhood Evertonian, he switched allegiances at the age of eleven after being persuaded by scout Jim Aspinall to join Liverpool FC's Centre of Excellence. His vast potential was evident as he ripped up just about every junior scoring record. He progressed through the ranks as expected and was rewarded with a professional contract after turning 17 in April 1992.

Fowler's first-team call-up came the following January when he was named on the substitutes bench for an FA Cup third-round replay at home to Bolton Wanderers. The lower-ranked Trotters shocked Anfield to win 2-0 on a night when the Reds lacked the kind of cutting-edge Fowler would become renowned for providing.

Early the following season, 1993/94, manager Graeme Souness handed his teenage starlet a September debut in a League Cup second-round first leg tie against Fulham. It came as no surprise that Fowler, wearing the no23 shirt, made a scoring start, running 40 yards to reach Don Hutchison's long-ball before thumping a half-volley past home keeper Jim Stannard in the West London drizzle.

Fowler retained his place in the line-up and after making his Premier League bow against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and his home debut against Arsenal on Saturday 2 October 1993, he startled spectators in the return leg against Fulham by scoring all the goals in a 5-0 victory at Anfield. He became only the fifth player in Liverpool's history to score five times in one match and that in only his fourth appearance!

He went on to underline his reputation as an instinctive goal-poacher, ending the campaign with 18 in all competitions – just one fewer than the always prolific Ian Rush. A dozen of those efforts came in the Premier League, the first being an 87th-minute equaliser at home to Oldham Athletic in a game the Reds went on to win 2-1.

The first of his eight Premier League hat-tricks for Liverpool followed a fortnight later in a 4-2 win over Southampton at Anfield with Tim Flowers the beaten goalkeeper. By the time he had played his first 15 games for the Reds, Robbie had 13 goals to his name and it was clear that the club had a special talent on their hands.

Fully established in the team by the start of the 1994/95 campaign, his first full season in the side was another memorable one. Aided by a then fastest Premier League hat-trick against Arsenal

(four minutes and 33 seconds), he made the transition from promising youngster to fully-fledged superstar. (His record was beaten on 16 May 2015 by Sadio Mane who scored three in two minutes and 56 seconds for Southampton against Aston Villa.)

"Robbie has immense talent, he can be frightening," said Roy Evans, who had succeeded Souness as Liverpool manager in January 1994. The striker ended the season with 25 league goals and breached the 30-goal mark overall for the first time as he ended the campaign with a League Cup winner's medal. He was also presented with the PFA young player of the year award.

He told the official LFC magazine that season: "I've started on the right note and hopefully it will continue in that way. Scoring goals is good fun."

He may not have been the fastest or tallest but he had a wonderful sixth sense for a goalscoring opportunity. Be it a close-range tap-in or a long-range blockbuster, the 'Growler' was wonderfully adept at both.

The 1995/96 season saw Fowler, who started the campaign with peroxide blond hair, plunder more than 30 goals once again with 28 of his 36 coming in the Premier League as he retained his young player of the year award, only the second player to do so after Ryan Giggs.

By now one of the most lethal strikers in Europe, he scored two more memorable goals against Manchester United at Old Trafford on 1 October 1995. The media glare was on Eric Cantona who was returning from a well-documented eight-month ban. But Fowler took centre-stage and his equaliser in the 2-2 draw flew past United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel at his near post – the ball struck with such venom that the Dane barely saw it.

Fowler, who formed a fine new attacking partnership with Stan Collymore, also fired the Reds to an FA Cup final appearance at Wembley where they were beaten at the death by United on a day to forget.

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The following season, four goals at home to Middlesbrough in December 1996 brought his tally to 100 in 165 matches – less time than striking mentor Rush who'd left Liverpool at the end of the previous campaign saying: "I leave it in good hands, Robbie will probably eclipse all that I have achieved at Liverpool."

Fowler seemed a worthy successor to Rushie's famous no9 shirt which he started wearing that season. They say lightning doesn't strike twice but it did when Liverpool defeated Newcastle 4-3 at Anfield for the second successive season. Fowler grabbed the late winner with a Kop-end header on this occasion to steal more headlines.

That 1996/97 season brought a third successive 30-goal haul including another 18 in the Premier League and took Liverpool the closest they had been to a 19th top-flight title during this era.

Fowler's popularity among the fans was at a scale not seen since Kenny Dalglish in his pomp. To Kopites he could do no wrong, even if the team's infamous 'Spice Boy' image brought some unwanted off-field attention.

Fowler never forgot his roots and in 1997 famously went public with his support for sacked Merseyside dockers during a UEFA Cup tie against Brann Bergen. The year also brought a UEFA Fair Play Award for admitting he'd not been fouled by Arsenal keeper David Seaman after a penalty had been awarded during a league match at Highbury.

The 1998/99 season saw flashes of his best form but was disrupted by injuries. Nine days after Gerard Houllier had been named sole manager, Fowler scored a fine hat-trick in a 4-2 win over Aston Villa at Villa Park.

"It's difficult to say if Robbie is back to his best but that was certainly an important reference game for him," said the boss afterwards. "He went through a mental barrier and he now knows he can do it again."

In January 1999 the forward claimed

"It means a lot to me as a Liverpool lad to be here and I want to remain a part of it. Some people have said certain things about Liverpool this season – I hope they are eating their words now"

another matchball in a 7-1 rout of Southampton at Anfield and signed a new five-year deal with the Reds.

However, two serious injuries forced him to endure a lengthy and frustrating spell on the sidelines.

Fortunately for Liverpool his injury problems occurred at the same time as the emergence of Michael Owen and the new kid on the block shouldered much of the goalscoring burden

On his return Robbie found himself a part of Houllier's controversial rotation policy which often saw him benched in order to accommodate Owen and fellow attacker Emile Heskey. But with Jamie Redkapp sidelined with an injury of his own, Houllier did hand his no9 the captain's armband.

In the League Cup final of February 2001 he scored a spectacular goal against Birmingham City during Liverpool's Millennium Stadium debut before going on to lift his first trophy as skipper, after Liverpool won on penalties.

It proved to be the first leg of an unprecedented treble, with the fans' favourite also featuring in FA Cup and UEFA Cup final triumphs, scoring in the latter success against Alaves in Dortmund.

One crucial league match remained that 2000/01 season with Liverpool chasing qualification for the Champions League. A superb display saw the striker score twice in a 4-0 win at Charlton, a result which saw the Reds secure third place.

"It means a lot to me as a Liverpool lad to be here and I want to remain a part of it," he said when reflecting on the successful campaign. "Some people have said certain things about Liverpool this season. I hope they are eating their words now."

The following season saw Houllier continue to rotate his front players and in November 2001 the unthinkable happened: Fowler was transferred to Leeds for a reported sum of £11.75

million, at the time the record transfer fee the Reds had received.

Asked why he had sanctioned the move, the manager said: "It wasn't our decision to let him go. Robbie wants to go and to see a local boy moving on is a sad thing for the club.

"More than most he felt it difficult to fit in with the rotation system. I can understand that he found it hard. Robbie felt that a move at this moment in time would help his career and you have to respect that. He feels the time is right to move on and it was his decision."

Letters of protest featured in the local press in the days and weeks that followed. Fowler scored another 35 Premier League goals in the colours of Leeds and then Manchester City but remained a red at heart, travelling to Istanbul to see his mates Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher lift the UEFA Champions League trophy in 2005.

In January 2006, manager Rafael Benitez made a move to bring Fowler back to Anfield – a piece of business which won the Spaniard even more favour with supporters seven months after he had led the Reds to that fifth European Cup.

Fowler could not hold back his emotions, saying: "It is unbelievable, a dream-come-true. I can hardly believe that I am back and it's an incredible feeling. After I'd signed I sat in my car outside Anfield and was incredibly emotional.

"I know the odds. I have come back on a short-term deal and, after that, it is up to me. I hope I will get the chance to play and if I do, I will take that chance.

"I don't see this as the end of my career. I am hungry, as hungry as I have ever been, and I want to show that to everyone. I fully intend to prove that I am worth a new contract."

Benitez added: "We have signed a player with so much passion for this football club and he will act as an example to every player here in how much he loves Liverpool.

"I'm not sure I've ever seen a player quite so happy to be joining a club before. He hasn't been signed because he loves the club – he's been signed because he's one of the best goalscorers ever to play in the Premiership and he can score goals for us right now.

"We have signed a player with a passion and a heart for this club that no amount of

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money can buy. We are close to a very high level right now but with Robbie we can go even higher."

Though Fowler was not the player he once was, the Kop still revelled at occasional glimpses of his old magic. He was on target for Liverpool in the Premier League again in a 5-1 win over Fulham on 15 March 2006, one of a handful of league goals he grabbed before the season was out.

That strike saw him move level with Kenny Dalglish on 172 goals as LFC's fifth greatest goalscorer, a tally he passed with the opener in a 2-0 win over West Brom at The Hawthorns on the first day of April.

In 2006/07 he added another seven goals to his Reds tally, including three more in the Premier League as well as a couple against Galatasaray in the Champions League as Liverpool reached their second final in three seasons, only to lose to AC Milan in Athens.

He bowed out when Charlton came to Anfield for the final league match of 2006/07 and was handed the captain's armband for the visit of the Addicks, receiving a rousing reception when he made his farewell two minutes from time.

Fowler's final numbers for Liverpool were 183 goals in 369 appearances, a total which included 128 Premier League goals in 266 outings. He also weighed in with 49 assists, 30 of which came in league action.

He sits sixth in Liverpool's all-time goalscoring standings behind Rush (346), Roger Hunt (285), Gordon Hodgson (241), Billy Liddell (228) and Steven Gerrard (186).

In terms of the Premier League he tops the Reds' all-time list with those 128 strikes ahead of Gerrard (120), Michael Owen (118), Salah (117), Sadio Mane (88) and Roberto Firmino (71).

His overall Premier League tally of 163 currently sees him take eighth position behind Alan Shearer (260), Wayne Rooney (208), Andrew Cole (187), Sergio Aguero (184), Harry Kane (178), Frank Lampard (177) and Thierry Henry (175).

Fowler will always be remembered as one of the very best strikers to wear the famous red shirt of Liverpool. As the man himself summed up in his 2005 autobiography: "I played 12 years at the very top of the English game, played for my country in the biggest tournament, played in finals and chased titles.

"For a lad from Toxteth who came from nothing and dreamt only of playing football, it's all gone rather spectacularly well, actually."

WORDS: William Hughes

HARD LINES DAN

Former Reds keeper on receiving end of Sea Dogs resurgence in the Northern Premier League play-off final

There was play-off heartache for former Liverpool FC Academy goalkeeper Dan Atherton but joy for supporters of an ex-Football League club, when Warrington Town were beaten 2-1 by Scarborough Athletic in the Northern Premier League play-off final on Monday.

Atherton, 22, was the hero of the Yellows' semi-final win against South Shields, saving two penalties when the tie went to spot-kicks, but it wasn't to be for Warrington in the final played in front of 2,805 fans at Scarborough's Flamingo Land Stadium. They were beaten by a late goal after playing the final 35 minutes with ten men.

Haydock-born Atherton is best known to Liverpool supporters for making his debut as an outfield player during a 6-0 pre-season win against Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park in the summer of 2019 after Paul Glatzel came off injured with all other substitutes already used. He subsequently played in goal as a substitute for Simon Mignolet during a 3-1 friendly win at Bradford City.

Atherton was on loan at Marine when the coronavirus pandemic intervened and left the club in the summer of 2020. He has since spent time in the USA with USL side FC Malaga City before returning to Liverpool as a goalkeeping coach at the KKZ Performance Centre in Walton – the city's first such indoor facility.

Last summer he signed for Warrington Town, but while Atherton's season ended with the Cantilever Park-based club missing out on promotion to the National League North, victory for Scarborough Athletic was a significant milestone.

Formed by volunteers in 2007 as a 'phoenix club' after predecessors Scarborough Town – a Football League club from 1987 to 1999 – were liquidated with huge debts, the Seadogs haven't had an easy path back to National League football.

They began life in the Northern Counties East League Division One but spent the first decade playing in Bridlington as Scarborough Town's old McCain's Stadium – nicknamed the 'Theatre of Chips' – was still owned by the liquidators.

A Chelsea team featuring John Terry, Frank Lampard, Ashley Cole, Eidur Gudjohnsen and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink won 1-0 there in an FA Cup tie as recently as 2004, but the stadium fell into disrepair. It was later bought by Scarborough Council in 2009 and demolished two years later with a Lidl supermarket built on the site in 2017.

After winning promotions in 2009 and 2013, Scarborough Athletic – who wear red and have retained the former club's 'No battle, no victory' motto and badge – moved back to the town in 2017 when the new council-owned 2,700-capacity Flamingo Land Stadium was built. The gates from the McCain's Stadium, originally known as the Athletic Ground, were salvaged and installed at their new home.

They immediately won promotion to the Northern Premier Division, extended the stadium capacity to 2,833 and next season, for the first

WORDS: Chris McLoughlin

time since 2007, will play National League football with local lad and ex-Manchester United midfielder Jonathan Greening celebrating a year of managing the Seadogs this month.

"It's massive," he told BBC Radio York. "I've had some really good times in my career. I've won the Champions League and been part of the treble squad with United, won the Carling Cup with Middlesbrough and the Championship with West Brom. It's definitely up there with winning the treble and the Championship because all the boys feel like family. They're such an amazing bunch of players."

Next season Scarborough Athletic will face four other clubs currently in National League North after being reincarnated as new entities: Chester FC, Hereford FC, Darlington FC and Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC.

PEDRO'S COUPE?

Ex-Liverpool midfielder Pedro Chirivella could get his hands on a trophy at the Stade de France tonight when Nantes play Nice in the Coupe de France final (kick-off 8pm).

The Spaniard is a key member of a Nantes team looking to win the club's first French Cup since 2000, but Nice go into the final as favourites. Owned by billionaire Lancashire businessman Jim Ratcliffe, they have beaten Nantes home and away in Ligue 1 this season and remain in contention to qualify for the Champions League, currently sitting fifth in the table and just two points off a top-three spot with three games to play. Nice last won the French Cup in 1997.

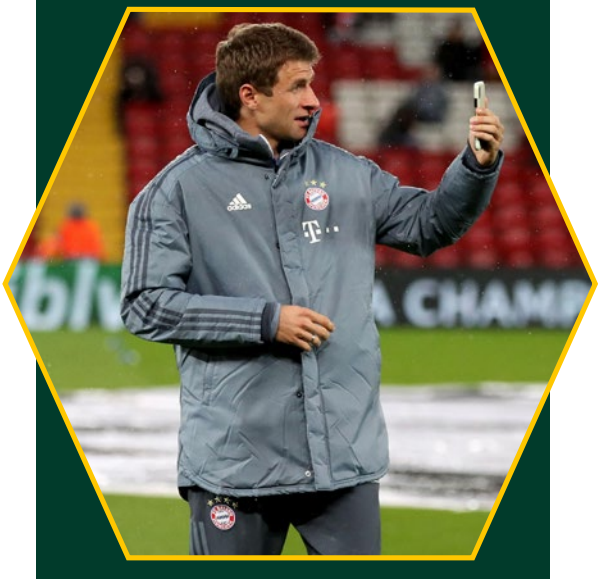
MULLER THE MERRIER

Germany's most decorated footballer Thomas Muller looks likely to add to his medal collection after signing a new two-year contract with Bayern Munich.

The 32-year-old won a German-record eleventh Bundesliga title with Bayern this season to take his club tally to 30 medals.

A double Champions League winner, he also enjoyed World Cup success with Germany in 2014. Muller, who has scored 226 goals in 623 games for FCB, has also netted 43 goals for his country and won the Golden Boot at the 2010 World Cup.

"I'm delighted to have extended my contract with FC Bayern Munich until 2024," he said. "The journey we've been on since I joined the FCB academy in 2000 has been a fantastic success story up to now. It gives me immense pleasure to wear the red colours year after year, on and off the pitch – even if the wind blows in your face from time to time."



The stats that matter from Liverpool's last handful of Premier League encounters with Spurs

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AN EARLY CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Tottenham 2 Liverpool 2 (19 December 2021)

Last December's incident-packed game at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium saw Liverpool lose ground in the Premier League title race. Manchester City's 4-0 victory at Newcastle earlier in the day meant the Reds would not top the league at Christmas for the first time in four years, with Jürgen Klopp's side three points adrift.

Spurs striker Harry Kane found the bottom corner from midfielder Tanguy Ndombele's pass to open the scoring after 13 minutes, but Diogo Jota equalised when he headed home Andy Robertson's cross ten minutes before the interval.

Robertson then headed the Reds in front after 69 minutes following fine work by fellow full-back Trent Alexander-Arnold only for Heung-min Son to level after a rare mistake by Alisson Becker four minutes later.

Robbo was sent off for a foul on Spurs right-back Emerson Royal with 13 minutes remaining, a decision made after referee Paul Tierney reviewed his initial call to book the Scot on the pitchside monitor.

Although Liverpool slipped behind City, their impressive form had now seen them lose just once in their past 35 games in all competitions. Klopp's side also scored their 50th Premier League goal of the season in their 18th match, reaching that landmark faster than in any other previous top-flight campaign.

TOTTENHAM FILES

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

Tottenham 1 Liverpool 3 (28 January 2021)

Last season Liverpool returned to form as they secured a convincing Thursday-night victory in the capital. After a run of five league games without a win – and four without a goal – the Reds rediscovered their cutting-edge.

Spurs had an early strike from forward Heung-min Son ruled out for offside before Liverpool's threat was rewarded with their first league goal in 482 minutes, in first-half stoppage-time.

Roberto Firmino took advantage of hesitation between defender Eric Dier and goalkeeper Hugo Lloris to tap in Sadio Mane's low cross from close-range. The Brazilian had now scored in five of his last six Premier League appearances against Tottenham, including each of his last three away from home.

Lloris was beaten again two minutes after the break when he pushed Mane's shot into the path of right-back Trent Alexander-Arnold, who finished emphatically.

Midfielder Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg's excellent 20-yard strike gave Spurs hope. But after Mohamed Salah saw a goal disallowed by VAR for handball by Firmino in the build-up, Mane stole in at the far-post to secure the win for Klopp's side.

The victory meant Liverpool had now beaten Tottenham in the top-flight on all seven days of the week, becoming just the third side to have done so after Everton and West Ham.

BOBBY IS HEAD BOY

Liverpool 2 Tottenham 1 (16 December 2020)

Roberto Firmino's last-minute header sent Liverpool to the top of the Premier League table. An entertaining encounter looked set to end all-square, but with the game entering stoppage-time, Firmino soared to flash a header past Hugo Lloris from Andy Robertson's corner at the Anfield Road end.

Liverpool went ahead after 26 minutes when Mo Salah's shot took a big deflection off Eric Dier and looped over Lloris. It meant Salah now had eight goals against Tottenham in all competitions – he hadn't scored more against any other side during his club career in Europe (level with Bournemouth and Watford).

Spurs struck back seven minutes later when Heung-min Son raced clear to slip a composed finish past Alisson Becker. Twenty of Tottenham's 25 Premier League goals so far that season had been scored by either Son (eleven) or Harry Kane (nine).

Jose Mourinho's side had the better chances in the second half, with winger Steven Bergwijn firing wide then hitting a post before Kane headed over from point-blank range.

"It was just a really good game against a counter-attacking monster," said a delighted Klopp afterwards. "Bobby, what a header. I am over the moon for him. What a game he played, those movements, he opens up all the other gaps."

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REDS BREAK NEW GROUND

Tottenham 0 Liverpool 1 (11 January 2020)

Roberto Firmino's first-half goal helped record-breaking Liverpool win on their first visit to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Nonetheless, Jürgen Klopp said afterwards that setting the record of a best-ever start to a season by a club in Europe's top-five leagues "doesn't feel special somehow."

Firmino's winner gave the Reds a 16-point lead over Leicester City at the top with a game-in-hand and an unmatched start of 20 wins from 21 games.

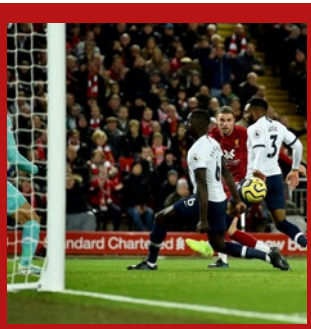
"We know about it and it is special but I can't feel it," said the German boss. "When someone gives you a trophy it is done but until then you need to fight. It is only the start. We need to continue because our contenders are so strong.

"Pep [Guardiola] will not give up. I will do the same. So far, so really good."

Klopp's men had amassed 104 points across their last 38 Premier League matches, scoring in all 21 of their fixtures in 2019/20. The record was maintained when Firmino turned inside Spurs' young debutant defender Japhet Tanganga and beat goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga with a sweet left-footed strike in the 37th minute.

Firmino had now scored five goals in his last six games for Liverpool in all competitions, as many as in his previous 30 appearances for the Reds before that run.

Liverpool held out despite Heung-min Son and substitute Giovani Lo Celso both missing excellent second-half chances to give Jose Mourinho's team a share of the spoils.



"A WONDERFUL GAME OF FOOTBALL"

Liverpool 2 Tottenham 1 (27 October 2019)

The Reds came from behind to restore their six-point advantage at the top of the Premier League table in this meeting back in the autumn of 2019. Harry Kane had scored within 48 seconds of kick-off and keeper Paulo Gazzaniga pulled off a number of impressive saves to give Spurs a one-nil lead at half-time.

Reds captain Jordan Henderson equalised six minutes after the break before Mo Salah thumped home the winner from the penalty-spot 15 minutes from time after right-back Serge Aurier had fouled Sadio Mane.

The result stretched Liverpool's unbeaten home run to 45 Premier League games, while Gazzaniga made 12 saves, the most by a goalkeeper in the Premier League since Manchester United's David De Gea versus Arsenal in December 2017 (14).

"I really liked the way we played against really tough opponents," said Reds manager Jürgen Klopp afterwards. "It was a wonderful game of football, it's how you wish games should be.

"The boys delivered. We had chance after chance and the keeper had sensational save after sensational save."

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LUCKY THIRTEENS

Liverpool FC Women's goalkeeper Rachael Laws has claimed the FA Women's Championship Golden Gloves award for the 2021/22 season. The Reds no1 finished the league campaign with an impressive return of 13 clean-sheets from 19 appearances, a new club record, to claim the accolade.

Meanwhile, forward Leanne Kiernan was named as the Liverpool Women Supporters Club's player of the season. The Republic of Ireland international enjoyed a fine debut campaign following her summer switch from West Ham United, matching Natasha Dowie's club-record of 13 goals in a league campaign.

Kiernan received her award from LWSC chair Jo Goodall following the final league game of the season at Lewes last Sunday.

WIth manager Matt Beard giving game time to a number of players who have not had a many minutes this season, the Reds went down 2-1 at the Dripping Pan, a result that saw their unbeaten 20-game league run come to an end in East Sussex. It was a result that meant their only defeats in their title-winning season came on the first and last matchdays.

Liverpool went ahead when Kiernan picked out club-record appearance holder Ashley Hodson who made no mistake, but the home side were back on terms a minute before the break when striker Georgia Timms found a way past keeper Charlotte Clarke.

Lewes grabbed a second-half winner from an unlikely source when goalkeeper Tatiana Saunders hit a free-kick which took a bounce that deceived Clarke, who was making her league debut as she deputised for Laws.

Substitute Melissa Lawley and Kiernan had late chances to produce an equaliser but the home side held on as Liverpool suffered their only away defeat of the league season.

Beard and members of his Liverpool FC Women squad are set to parade the FA Women's Championship trophy for supporters at Anfield this evening.

Goalkeeper Rachael Laws enjoyed a record-breaking season for Liverpool FC Women

RIANNA **DEAN**

POSITION: Forward
BIRTHPLACE: Uxbridge
BORN: 21 October 1998

It was a frustrating season for summer signing Rianna as injuries restricted her to just three appearances.

The former Tottenham striker made an impressive start to her Liverpool career, scoring twice in the Reds' first win of the season, a 3-2 victory over Watford at Vicarage Road in September.

However, an issue sustained in the next game against Bristol City a week later saw her sidelined for the remainder of the campaign.

"Ri's been really unfortunate this season," said manager Matt Beard. "She has worked really hard to get fit again but unfortunately our last few games came just a little too soon."

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YOUNG REDS SIGN OFF IN STYLE

Liverpool's Under-23s leapfrogged Manchester United in the Premier League 2 table after a 3-1 win over the Red Devils at Kirkby last Sunday. Coach Barry Lewtas' team signed off their league campaign with an impressive display and are set for a top-four finish if Tottenham fail to register a big win at Chelsea tomorrow.

Left-back Owen Beck forced the opening goal in the early stages and though the visitors temporarily levelled through Spanish forward Alejandro Garnacho, it was the young Reds' day.

Centre-back Rhys Williams restored their lead before the interval and forward Jack Bearne then made sure of the three points in the second half.

With senior-side assistant-manager Pepijn Lijnders and elite development coach Vitor Matos both in attendance, Liverpool took the lead in the sixth minute of the match as Beck charged down a clearance which rebounded off him and beyond keeper Radek Vitek into the net.

The visitors equalised from a counter-attack with Garnacho placing a dinked effort over keeper Marcelo Pitaluga.

The Reds had a golden chance to get back in front on the half-hour as a Tyler Morton shot was handled inside the United area, only for Vitek to produce an excellent save, diving to his right to deny midfielder Leighton Clarkson from the penalty spot.

But Liverpool did regain the lead in the 33rd minute. Clarkson was the creator from a corner and Williams climbed high to head home.

The Reds' momentum was checked by an injury to Williams' centre-back partner Billy Koumetio early in the second half which led to the Frenchman being stretchered off.

However, Lewtas' side regained control with a third goal in the 64th minute. Midfielder Morton won possession and threaded a neat pass into the right channel for Bearne, who scored for a fifth successive game by picking out the bottom corner with a clinical finish.

Rhys Williams celebrates his goal in the win over Manchester United with Tyler Morton and Layton Stewart

FIDEL **O'ROURKE**

POSITION: Forward
BIRTHPLACE: Liverpool
BORN: 5 February 2002

The 20-year-old striker signed an extension to his contract with Liverpool FC last month. He joined the Reds as an under-14 after being spotted playing amateur football and is now a member of Barry Lewtas' Under-23s squad.

He scored his first U23s goal earlier this season against Preston North End and has since gone on to grab his first strike in Premier League 2, versus Tottenham Hotspur.

A lifelong Liverpool supporter, Fidel is a former Under-18s captain and was an FA Youth Cup winner with the Reds in 2019.

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Premier League 2

Under 23s

AUGUST			
15	**MAN CITY**	**H**	**0-0**
23	Everton	A	3-1
28	**BRIGHTON**	**H**	**1-1**
31	Rochdale (PJT)	A	0-4
SEPTEMBER			
11	Tottenham	A	1-2
19	**LEEDS UNITED**	**H**	**0-4**
24	Chelsea	A	3-4
OCTOBER			
2	Man United	A	0-3
5	Bolton Wanderers (PJT)	A	1-4
16	**ARSENAL**	**H**	**3-0**
25	Blackburn Rovers	A	2-2
30	**DERBY COUNTY**	**H**	**3-1**
NOVEMBER			
6	West Ham	A	0-3
9	Port Vale (PJT)	A	0-5
20	**CRYSTAL PALACE**	**H**	**0-3**
28	**LEICESTER**	**H**	**3-0**
DECEMBER			
3	Brighton	A	0-3
JANUARY			
10	Derby County	A	1-0
15	**EVERTON**	**H**	**1-1**
24	Crystal Palace	A	2-0
FEBRUARY			
7	Leeds United	A	0-3
20	**BLACKBURN ROVERS**	**H**	**1-1**
25	Arsenal	A	4-1
MARCH			
8	Preston NE (LSC 2)	A	3-0
13	**TOTTENHAM**	**H**	**7-1**
20	Man City	A	0-0
APRIL			
2	**CHELSEA**	**H**	**2-2**
11	**BLACKPOOL (LSC S-F)**	**H**	**4-1**
17	**WEST HAM**	**H**	**3-0**
25	Leicester City	A	4-0
MAY			
1	**MAN UNITED**	**H**	**3-1**
4	Burnley (LSC Final)	N	7.30pm

Mateusz Musialowski

Premier League U18

Under 18s

AUGUST			
14	**STOKE CITY**	**H**	**5-3**
21	Man United	A	5-0
SEPTEMBER			
11	Nottm Forest	A	3-3
15	**AC MILAN (UYL)**	**H**	**1-0**
18	**CRYSTAL PALACE (PLC)**	**H**	**3-2**
21	**DERBY COUNTY**	**H**	**1-3**
25	Leeds United	A	2-5
28	FC Porto (UYL)	A	1-1
OCTOBER			
2	**SUNDERLAND**	**H**	**3-0**
16	Aston Villa (PLC)	A	2-1
19	Atletico Madrid (UYL)	A	0-2
30	**EVERTON**	**H**	**4-0**
NOVEMBER			
3	**ATLETICO MADRID (UYL)**	**H**	**2-0**
6	**MIDDLESBROUGH**	**H**	**3-4**
20	Blackburn Rovers	A	1-3
24	**FC PORTO (UYL)**	**H**	**4-0**
27	**MANCHESTER CITY (PLC)**	**H**	**0-2**
DECEMBER			
4	**NEWCASTLE UNITED**	**H**	**3-1**
7	AC Milan (UYL)	A	1-1
11	**FLEETWOOD T (FAYC 3)**	**H**	**4-0**
18	Burnley	A	5-0
JANUARY			
15	**MAN CITY**	**H**	**0-1**
18	**BURNLEY (FAYC 4)**	**H**	**4-1**
22	Middlesbrough	A	6-2
29	**CHELSEA (FAYC 5)**	**H**	**3-4**
FEBRUARY			
5	**BURNLEY**	**H**	**4-1**
19	**WOLVES**	**H**	**2-1**
26	Everton	A	3-1
MARCH			
2	**KRC GENK (UYL Ro16)**	**H**	**1-1****
5	Stoke City	A	2-0
12	**MAN UNITED**	**H**	**5-5**
15	Juventus (UYL Q-F)	A	0-2
19	Derby County	A	1-1
APRIL			
9	**LEEDS UNITED**	**H**	**10-3**
14	Man City	A	1-3
19	Wolves	A	5-1
23	Sunderland	A	3-2
26	**NOTTM FOREST**	**H**	**0-1**
30	**BLACKBURN ROVERS**	**H**	**3-1**
MAY			
7	Newcastle United	A	11am

Harvey Blair

Women's Championship

Women

AUGUST			
29	**LONDON CITY**	**H**	**0-1**
SEPTEMBER			
4	Watford	A	3-2
12	**BRISTOL CITY**	**H**	**0-0**
26	**CRYSTAL PALACE**	**H**	**2-1**
OCTOBER			
3	Coventry United	A	2-0
9	Sheffield United	A	2-0
13	**ASTON VILLA (CC)**	**H**	**1-1***
31	**LEWES**	**H**	**2-0**
NOVEMBER			
3	Sheffield United (CC)	A	0-0*
7	**BLACKBURN ROVERS**	**H**	**0-0**
14	Durham	A	2-0
17	**BLACKBURN ROVERS (CC)**	**H**	**2-1**
20	Sunderland	A	3-1
DECEMBER			
12	Burnley (FAC 3)	A	4-0
15	Sunderland (CC)	A	0-0
JANUARY			
9	Blackburn Rovers	A	6-0
16	**WATFORD**	**H**	**1-0**
19	Tottenham (CC Q-F)	A	0-1
23	Crystal Palace	A	4-0
30	**LINCOLN CITY (FAC 4)**	**H**	**6-0**
FEBRUARY			
6	**COVENTRY UNITED**	**H**	**3-0**
13	**SUNDERLAND**	**H**	**3-0**
27	**ARSENAL (FAC 5)**	**H**	**0-4**
MARCH			
6	London City	A	1-1
13	Charlton Athletic	A	1-0
20	**CHARLTON ATHLETIC**	**H**	**0-0**
27	**DURHAM**	**H**	**3-0**
APRIL			
3	Bristol City	A	4-2
24	**SHEFFIELD UNITED**	**H**	**6-1**
MAY			
1	Lewes	A	1-2

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PJT: Papa John's Trophy; UYL UEFA Youth League; PLC: Premier League Cup; FAYC: FA Youth Cup LSC: Lancashire Senior Cup; CC: Continental Cup * LFCW won bonus point on pens; ** LFC won on pens.

TICKET NEWS

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9	KOP	£42.00	£31.50	£9.00	£21.00
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12	MAIN STAND UPPER	£9.00	£9.00	£9.00	£9.00

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6	ANFIELD ROAD	£35.00	£26.00	£7.00	£18.00
7	ANFIELD ROAD LOWER/MAIN STAND	£34.50	£26.00	£7.00	£17.00
8	KOP	£32.00	£24.00	£7.00	£16.00
9	KOP	£31.50	£24.00	£7.00	£16.00
10	KOP	£29.00	£22.00	£7.00	£14.00
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MATCH REPORT

VILLARREAL

Reds hold advantage at semi-final half-time

• The Reds sink The Yellow Submarine 2-0 at Anfield in a dominant Champions League semi-final first-leg display. Unai Emery's Villarreal prove tricky to break down in the first half as Sadio Mane sees an effort deflect narrowly wide and Thiago almost breaks the deadlock with a 25-yard shot that strikes the post.

• Liverpool up the tempo after the break and the opener comes when Jordan Henderson's cross loops over goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli after it clips left-back Pervis Estupinan. Moments later the Reds double their lead when Mo Salah plays Mane in to poke the ball past Rulli, and only an offside flag denies Andy Robertson a third from Trent Alexander-Arnold's cross.

• "I thought we looked really fresh in the first half," says Jürgen Klopp. "It is intense for us to play the way we play, but it is intense for the opponent to defend us in that way as well. The goals we scored were outstanding – I loved them. So as I said, all good so far."

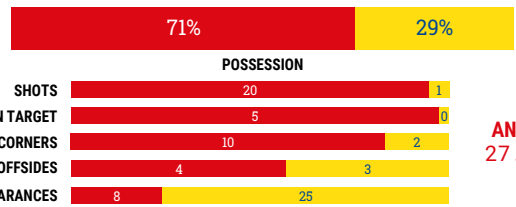
LINE UPS

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3):
Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Gomez 81), Konate, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C) (Keita 72), Fabinho, Thiago, Salah, Mane (Jota 73), Diaz (Origi 81).
Subs not used: Adrian, Kelleher, Milner, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Minamino, Matip, R Williams, Elliott.
Booked: Van Dijk.

GOALS: Estupinan (53og), Mane (55).

VILLARREAL (4-4-2):
Rulli, Foyth, Albiol (C), Torres, Estupinan (Trigueros 72), Lo Celso, Capoue, Parejo (Aurier 72), Coufelin (Pedraza 57), Chukwueze (Dia 72), Danjuma (Alcacer 86).
Subs not used: Asenjo, Jorgensen, Gaspar, Iboria, Pena, Mandi, Mio Gomez.
Booked: Estupinan, Lo Celso.

MATCH STATS



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MATCH REPORT

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Resilient Reds take the points on Tyneside

• Naby Keita scores the only goal as the Reds keep the pressure on Manchester City in the title race with a 1-0 win against Newcastle at St James' Park. The goal comes in the 19th minute when James Milner tackles Fabian Schar and Keita, who has already had a shot deflected wide, plays a one-two with Diogo Jota before he rounds Martin Dubravka and fires past two men on the goalline.

• Sadio Mane and Jota have efforts saved and Miguel Almiron has an equaliser disallowed for offside. In the second half Mane also shoots narrowly wide from a Joe Gomez cross and Dubraka twice denies Jota to prevent the scoreline looking more comfortable as Liverpool notch a club-record 42nd win of the season.

• "I saw a top-class game," says manager Jürgen Klopp after the final whistle. "It was not only job done, it was difficult circumstances to play this kind of football. That's why I'm really happy. We deserved to win today, 100 per cent, against a team in great form in their stadium."

LINE UPS

NEWCASTLE (4-3-3):
Dubravka, Krafth (Murphy 85), Schar (Lascelles 81), Burn, Targett, Guimaraes, Shelvey (C), Willock (Wood 67), Almiron, Saint-Maximin, Joelinton.
Subs not used: Darlow, Dummett, Ritchie, Manquillo, Gayle, S Longstaff.
Booked: Joelinton.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3):
Alisson, Gomez, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Milner (Thiago 78), Henderson (C) (Fabinho 69), Keita, Diaz, Jota, Mane (Salah 69).
Subs not used: Kelleher, Konate, Jones, Tsimikas, Alexander-Arnold, Elliott.
Booked: Jota, Gomez, Mane.

GOAL: Keita (19).

MATCH STATS

	NEWCASTLE	LIVERPOOL
POSSESSION	34%	66%
SHOTS	4	24
SHOTS ON TARGET	2	10
CORNERS	0	6
OFFSIDES	9	1
CLEARANCES	21	15

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MATCH REPORT

VILLARREAL

Finally there after game of two halves

• Liverpool reach the Champions League final in Paris with a thrilling comeback victory against Villarreal in soggy Spain. The hosts wipe out the Reds' 2-0 first-leg advantage with goals from Boulaye Dia and Francis Coquelin to level the tie on aggregate, but Jürgen Klopp brings on Luis Diaz for the second half and he proves to be the game-changer.

• Trent Alexander-Arnold hits the bar before Fabinho fires a low shot through keeper Geronimo Rulli's legs to make it 2-1. Five minutes later, Diaz heads Alexander-Arnold's cross between the Rulli's legs to equalise and when the Villarreal goalkeeper rushes out of his goal in the 74th minute Sadio Mane beats him to the ball and slots it into an empty net. Etienne Capoue is sent off late on.

• It means the Reds are in a 10th European Cup/Champions League final and a third under Klopp. "It feels like it's the first, to be honest, because it is always so special," says the boss. "It is, for me, the best club competition in the world. In the end we deserved it as well and that's really cool."

LINE UPS

VILLARREAL (4-4-2):
Rulli, Foyth, Albiol (C) (Aurier 79), Torres, Estupinan (Trigueros 79), Lo Celso, Parejo, Capoue, Couqelin (Pedraza 68), Moreno (Chukwueze 68), Dia (Alcacer 79). **Subs not used:** Asenjo, Jorgensen, Gaspar, Iborra, Pena, Mandi, Moi Gomez. **Booked:** Capoue, Lo Celso, Torres. **Sent off:** Capoue.

GOALS: Dia (3), Couquelin (41).

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3):
Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Konate, Van Dijk (C), Robertson (Tsimikas 80), Keita (Henderson 79), Fabinho (Milner 84), Thiago (Jones 80), Salah, Jota (Diaz 46), Mane. **Subs not used:** Kelleher, J Gomez, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Minamino, Origi, Matip, Elliott. **Booked:** Alexander-Arnold.

GOALS: Fabinho (62), Diaz (67), Mane (74).

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION	47%	53%
SHOTS	5	15
SHOTS ON TARGET	2	5
CORNERS	1	2
OFFSIDES	5	4
CLEARANCES	9	21

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6 SIMPLE QUESTIONS ABOUT...

TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD

1.
Up to and including the Anfield derby, how many assists had Trent provided in his 158 Premier League appearances?

2.
Which fellow Scouser said this about him: "Just as I tried to be John Barnes and Steve McMahon, he grew up pretending to be me while playing in the parks"?

3.
True for false: Alexander-Arnold made his senior debut for Liverpool in a cup tie at Tottenham Hotspur?

4.
What personal milestone did he reach in the Premier League game at Spurs on Saturday 15 September 2018?

5.
Against which other London side has Trent scored two goals from set-piece situations?

6.
Which TV pundit has called him "the best passer of a ball at right-back I've ever seen – he's David Beckham and Kevin De Bruyne at right-back"?

ANSWERS: 1. He'd provided 45 assists; 2. Steven Gerrard; 3. False – it was in a League Cup at home to Spurs, not away, on Tuesday 25 October 2016, two weeks after his eighteenth birthday; 4. It was his 50th appearance for Liverpool in all competitions; 5. Chelsea, away in September 2019 and at home in July 2020; 6. Gary Neville.

SEASON **STATS**

PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		LEAGUE CUP		UCL		OTHER		TOTAL	
Adrian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Thiago Alcantara	15(7)	1	1(2)	0	0	0	6(3)	1	0	0	22(12)	2
Trent Alexander-Arnold	29	2	2	0	3	0	8	0	0	0	42	2
James Balagizi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owen Beck	0	0	0	0	0(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0(2)	0
Alisson Becker	32	0	3	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	48	0
Harvey Blair	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Conor Bradley	0	0	1	0	2(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	3(2)	0
Harvey Davies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luis Diaz	8(2)	3	1(3)	0	1	0	3(3)	2	0	0	13(8)	5
Elijah Dixon-Bonner	0	0	1	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	1(1)	0
Harvey Elliott	3(2)	0	1(2)	1	0(1)	0	1	0	0	0	5(5)	1
Fabinho	24(3)	5	3	2	3	0	8(4)	1	0	0	38(7)	8
Roberto Firmino	9(9)	5	2(2)	1	3	0	2(4)	5	0	0	16(15)	11
Melkamu Frauendorf	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
Joe Gomez	3(4)	0	2	0	3(1)	0	2(5)	0	0	0	11(9)	0
Kaide Gordon	0(1)	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3(1)	1
Jordan Henderson	27(4)	2	2(2)	0	4(1)	0	6(5)	1	0	0	39(12)	3
Liam Hughes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curtis Jones	8(5)	1	3(1)	0	3(1)	0	2(2)	0	0	0	16(9)	1
Diogo Jota	24(7)	15	3(1)	2	2(2)	3	7(3)	1	0	0	36(13)	21
Naby Keita	12(7)	3	3	0	2(1)	0	5(4)	1	0	0	22(12)	4
Caoimhin Kelleher	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Ibrahima Konate	8	0	5	1	1(3)	0	7	2	0	0	21(3)	3
Billy Koumetio	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Mabaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sadio Mane	29(2)	14	1(1)	2	1	0	10(2)	5	0	0	41(5)	21
Joel Matip	28	1	0	0	4	0	7	0	0	0	39	1
Takumi Minamino	0(10)	2	2(2)	3	4(1)	4	2(2)	0	0	0	8(15)	9
James Milner	8(14)	0	1(1)	0	1(3)	0	3(5)	0	0	0	13(23)	0
Tyler Morton	1(1)	0	1(1)	0	2(1)	0	2	0	0	0	6(3)	0
James Norris	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
Divock Origi	0(6)	3	1	0	2(1)	2	2(5)	1	0	0	5(12)	6
Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain	9(8)	2	2	0	3(1)	1	3(3)	0	0	0	17(12)	3
Marcelo Pitaluga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nathaniel Phillips	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	1(1)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
Jarell Quansah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Robertson	27	2	2(1)	0	3(1)	0	8(1)	0	0	0	40(3)	2
Mohamed Salah	29(3)	22	1	0	1	0	11(1)	8	0	0	42(4)	30
Kostas Tsimikas	7(3)	0	3(1)	0	3	0	4(1)	0	0	0	17(5)	0
Virgil van Dijk	32	3	4	0	3	0	8	0	0	0	47	3
Rhys Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neco Williams	0(1)	0	0	0	2(2)	0	2(1)	0	0	0	4(4)	0
Max Woltman	0	0	1	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
Ben Woodburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Own goals	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	-	0	-	2

Premier League **Top Fives:** LFC v Newcastle United

SHOTS

Diogo Jota	5
Luis Diaz	4
Sadio Mane	3
Naby Keita	3
Mo Salah	2

PASSES

Virgil van Dijk	64
Jordan Henderson	62
James Milner	58
Andy Robertson	58
Joe Gomez	57

DRIBBLES

Luis Diaz	6
Diogo Jota	4
Naby Keita	4
Sadio Mane	1
Mo Salah	1

CARRIES (YARDS)

Luis Diaz	221
Andy Robertson	196
Diogo Jota	191
Joel Matip	189
Naby Keita	167

TACKLES

Naby Keita	7
James Milner	6
Joe Gomez	3
Diogo Jota	2
Jordan Henderson	2

PRESSES

Naby Keita	26
Diogo Jota	25
James Milner	23
Luis Diaz	17
Jordan Henderson	16

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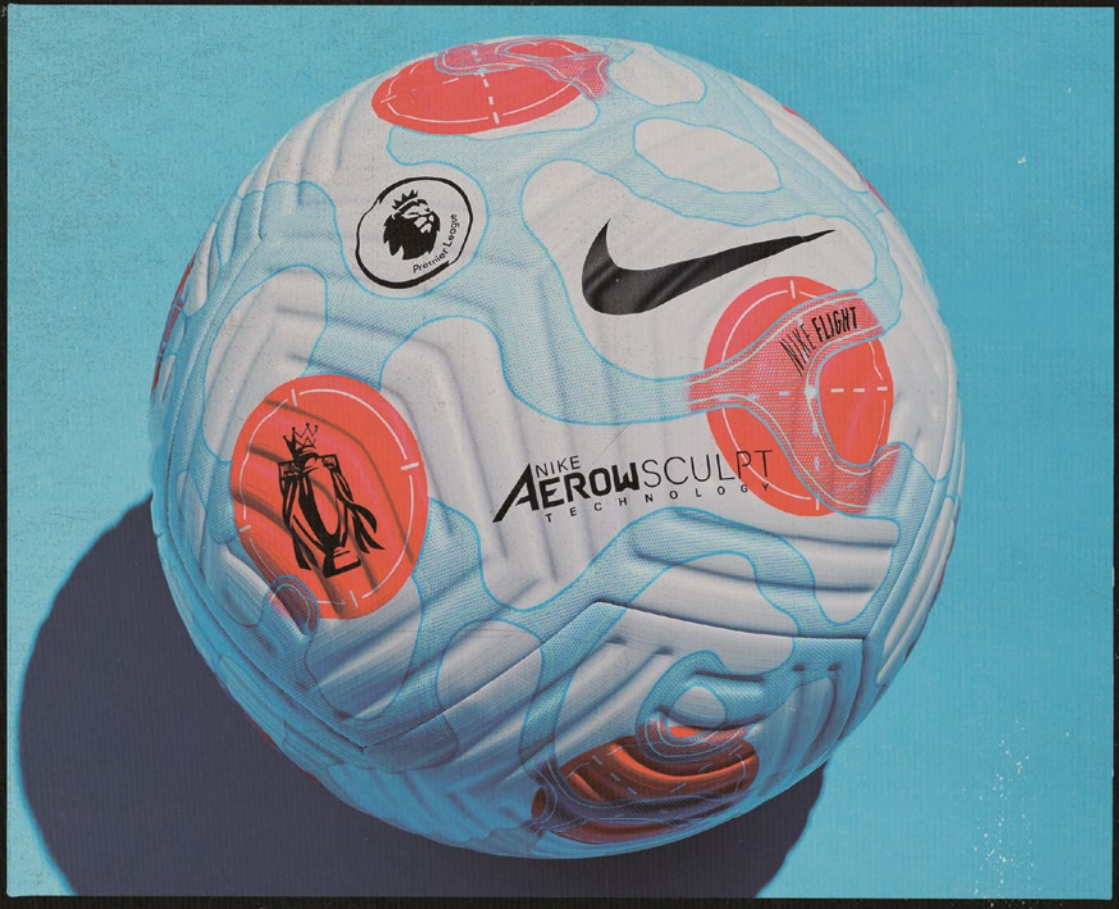

PLAYER **STATS**

NAME / BIRTHPLACE / DOB	LEAGUE		FA CUP		LEAGUE CUP		EUROPE		OTHER		LFC TOTAL	
	games	goals	games	goals	games	goals	games	goals	games	goals	games	goals
1 Alisson Becker Novo Hamburgo, Brazil, 02.10.92	132	1	4	0	1	0	37	0	4	0	178	1
3 Fabinho Campinas, Brazil, 23.10.93	113	8	8	2	5	0	38	1	3	0	167	11
4 Virgil van Dijk Breda, Holland, 08.07.91	127	13	7	1	5	0	34	2	4	0	177	16
5 Ibrahima Konate Paris, France, 25.05.99	8	0	5	1	4	0	7	2	0	0	24	3
6 Thiago Alcantara San Pietro Vernotico, Italy, 11.04.91	46	2	5	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	64	3
7 James Milner Wortley, England, 04.01.86	197	19	10	1	16	2	59	4	4	0	286	26
8 Naby Keita Conakry, Guinea, 10.02.95	72	7	4	0	7	0	23	3	4	1	110	11
9 Roberto Firmino Maceio, Brazil, 02.10.91	229	71	13	2	13	1	63	22	5	2	323	98
10 Sadio Mane Sedhiou, Senegal, 10.04.92	193	88	7	4	4	0	56	24	4	2	264	118
11 Mohamed Salah Basyoun, Egypt, 15.06.92	177	117	7	4	3	0	57	34	5	0	249	155
12 Joe Gomez Lewisham, England, 23.05.97	86	0	8	0	8	0	34	0	5	0	141	0
13 Adrian Seville, Spain, 03.01.87	14	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	25	0
14 Jordan Henderson Sunderland, England, 17.06.90	321	29	23	0	27	1	68	3	4	0	443	33
15 Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain Portsmouth, England, 15.08.93	94	10	7	0	7	2	21	5	4	0	133	17
17 Curtis Jones Liverpool, England, 30.01.01	43	3	11	2	8	2	9	1	1	0	72	8
18 Takumi Minamino Izumisano, Japan, 16.01.95	29	3	8	3	7	6	9	0	1	1	54	13
20 Diogo Jota Porto, Portugal, 04.12.96	50	24	4	2	6	3	19	5	0	0	79	34
21 Kostas Tsimikas Thessaloniki, Greece, 12.05.96	12	0	4	0	4	0	9	0	0	0	29	0
22 Loris Karius Biberach an der Riss, Germany, 22.06.93	29	0	4	0	3	0	13	0	0	0	49	0
23 Luis Diaz Barrancas, Colombia, 13.01.97	10	3	4	0	1	0	6	2	0	0	21	5
26 Andy Robertson Glasgow, Scotland, 11.03.94	159	6	6	0	5	0	45	1	5	0	220	7
27 Divock Origi Ostend, Belgium, 18.04.95	106	22	11	2	16	11	37	6	4	0	174	41
28 Ben Davies Barrow-in-Furness, England, 11.08.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32 Joel Matip Bochum, Germany, 08.08.91	123	6	3	0	8	0	26	0	2	1	162	7
45 Elijah Dixon-Bonner London, England, 01.01.01	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
46 Rhys Williams Preston, England, 03.02.01	9	0	2	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	19	0
47 Nathaniel Phillips Bolton, England, 21.03.97	17	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	24	1
49 Kaide Gordon Derby, England, 05.10.04	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
50 Luis Longstaff Darlington, England, 24.02.01	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
52 Isaac Mabaya Preston, England, 22.09.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54 Liam Hughes Armagh, Northern Ireland, 19.08.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56 Vitezslav Jaros Pribram, Czech Republic, 23.07.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58 Ben Woodburn Nottingham, England, 15.10.99	6	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	11	1
62 Caoimhin Kelleher Cork, Ireland, 23.11.98	4	0	4	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	17	0
63 Owen Beck Flint, Wales, 09.08.02	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
64 Jake Cain Wigan, England, 02.09.01	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
65 Leighton Clarkson Blackburn, England, 19.10.01	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
66 Trent Alexander-Arnold Liverpool, England, 07.10.98	158	10	7	0	6	0	46	2	4	0	221	12
67 Harvey Elliott Chertsey, England, 04.04.03	7	0	6	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	19	1
72 Sepp van den Berg Zwolle, Holland, 20.12.01	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
75 Jakub Ojrzynski Warsaw, Poland, 19.02.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76 Neco Williams Wrexham, Wales, 13.04.01	13	0	5	0	7	0	7	0	1	0	33	0
77 James Norris Liverpool, England, 04.04.03	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
78 Jarell Quansah Warrington, England, 29.01.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80 Tyler Morton Wirral, England, 31.10.02	2	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	9	0
81 Layton Stewart Liverpool, England, 03.09.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
82 Max Woltman Wirral, England, 20.08.03	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
84 Conor Bradley Tyrone, Northern Ireland, 09.07.03	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
85 James Balagizi Manchester, England, 20.09.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
86 Harvey Blair Huddersfield, England, 14.09.03	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
89 Billy Koumetio Lyon, France, 14.11.02	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
94 Melkamu Frauendorf Kembata, Ethiopia, 12.01.04	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
95 Harvey Davies Liverpool, England, 03.09.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
97 Marcelo Pitaluga Niterói, Brazil, 20.12.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Bearne Nottingham, England, 15.09.01	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tom Clayton Rainford, England, 27.12.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Hill Liverpool, England, 13.10.02	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Adam Lewis Liverpool, England, 08.11.99	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sheyi Ojo Hemel Hempstead, England, 19.06.97	8	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1

Stats correct as of 03.05.22. On loan/ineligible: Ben Davies (Sheffield United), Nathaniel Phillips (Bournemouth), Luis Longstaff (Queen's Park), Vitezslav Jaros (Notts County), Ben Woodburn (Hearts), Jake Cain (Newport County), Sepp van den Berg (Preston North End), Jakub Ojrzynski (Caernarfon Town), Neco Williams (Fulham), Adam Lewis (Livingston), Sheyi Ojo (Millwall)

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2021/22

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	RES	POS	TV	REFEREE	ATT	STARTING XI					
Sat 14 Aug	Norwich City	5.30pm	3-0	3rd	Sky	A Marriner	27,023	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Keita ●
Sat 21 Aug	**BURNLEY**	**12.30pm**	**2-0**	**1st**	**BT**	M Dean	52,591	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Tsimikas ●	Henderson
Sat 28 Aug	**CHELSEA**	**5.30pm**	**1-1**	**3rd**	**Sky**	A Taylor	53,100	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson ●	Fabinho
Sun 12 Sep	Leeds United	4.30pm	3-0	3rd	Sky	C Pawson	36,507	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	**Fabinho 1** ▮
Wed 15 Sep	**AC MILAN (UCL MD1)**	**8pm**	**3-2***		**BT**	S Marciniak	51,445	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	Gomez	Robertson	Fabinho
Sat 18 Sep	**CRYSTAL PALACE**	**3pm**	**3-0**	**1st**		A Madley	52,985	Alisson	Milner	Konate	van Dijk	Tsimikas ▮	Fabinho
Tue 21 Sep	Norwich City (CC 3)	7.45pm	3-0		Sky	D England	26,353	Kelleher	Bradley	Konate	Gomez	Tsimikas ●	Keita ●
Sat 25 Sep	Brentford	5.30pm	3-3	1st	Sky	S Attwell	16,876	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson ▮	Fabinho
Tue 28 Sep	Porto (UCL MD2)	8pm	5-1		BT	S Karasev	23,520	Alisson	Milner ●	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Sun 3 Oct	**MANCHESTER CITY**	**4.30pm**	**2-2**	**2nd**	**Sky**	P Tierney	53,102	Alisson	Milner ▮ ●	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho ▮
Sat 16 Oct	Watford	12.30pm	5-0	2nd	BT	J Moss	21,085	Kelleher	A-Arnold ●	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson ●	Henderson
Tue 19 Oct	Atl Madrid (UCL MD3)	8pm	3-2		BT	D Siebert	60,725	Alisson	A-Arnold ▮ ●	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Henderson
Sun 24 Oct	Manchester United	4.30pm	5-0	2nd	Sky	A Taylor	73,088	Alisson	A-Arnold	Konate	van Dijk	Robertson	Henderson
Wed 27 Oct	Preston North End (CC 4)	7.45pm	2-0		Sky	D Coote	22,131	Adrian	N Williams	Matip ●	Gomez	Tsimikas	Morton
Sat 30 Oct	**BRIGHTON & HA**	**3pm**	**2-2**	**2nd**		M Dean	53,197	Alisson	A-Arnold	Konate	van Dijk	Robertson ▮	**Henderson 1**
Wed 3 Nov	**ATL MADRID (UCL MD4)**	**8pm**	**2-0**		**BT**	D Makkelie	51,347	Alisson	A-Arnold ●	Matip ▮	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Fabinho ●
Sun 7 Nov	West Ham United	4.30pm	2-3	4th	Sky	C Pawson	59,909	Alisson	**A-Arnold 1** ▮	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho ●
Sat 20 Nov	**ARSENAL**	**5.30pm**	**4-0**	**2nd**	**Sky**	M Oliver	53,092	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Fabinho ▮
Wed 24 Nov	**PORTO (UCL MD5)**	**8pm**	**2-0**		**BT**	F Zwayer	52,209	Alisson	N Williams	Matip	Konate ▮	Tsimikas ●	Morton
Sat 27 Nov	**SOUTHAMPTON**	**3pm**	**4-0**	**2nd**		A Marriner	53,040	Alisson	A-Arnold	Konate	**van Dijk 1**	Robertson	Fabinho
Wed 1 Dec	Everton	8.15pm	4-1	3rd	AP	P Tierney	39,122	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk ▮	Robertson ▮	Fabinho
Sat 4 Dec	Wolverhampton W	3pm	1-0	2nd		C Kavanagh	30,729	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson ▮	Fabinho ▮
Tue 7 Dec	AC Milan (UCL MD6)	8pm	2-1		BT	D Makkelie	56,237	Alisson	N Williams ●	Phillips	Konate	Tsimikas	Morton
Sat 11 Dec	**ASTON VILLA**	**3pm**	**1-0**	**2nd**		S Attwell	53,093	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk ▮	Robertson	Fabinho
Thu 16 Dec	**NEWCASTLE UNITED**	**8pm**	**3-1**	**2nd**	**BT**	M Dean	52,951	Alisson	**A-Arnold 1**	Matip	Konate	Robertson	Henderson ▮
Sun 19 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	4.30pm	2-2	2nd	Sky	P Tierney	45,421	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	Konate ▮	**Robertson 1** ▮	Morton ▮ ●
Wed 22 Dec	**LEICESTER CITY (CC 5)**	**7.45pm**	**3-3^**			A Madley	52,020	Kelleher	Bradley ●	Gomez	Koumetio ●	Tsimikas ●	Morton ▮ ●
Tue 28 Dec	Leicester City	8pm	0-1	2nd	AP	M Oliver	32,230	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip ▮	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Fabinho ●
Sun 2 Jan	Chelsea	4.30pm	2-2	3rd	Sky	A Taylor	40,072	Kelleher	A-Arnold	Konate ▮	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Fabinho
Sun 9 Jan	**SHREWSBURY T (FAC 3)**	**2pm**	**4-1**			D Coote	52,226	Kelleher	Bradley	Konate	van Dijk	Robertson ●	**Fabinho 2(1p)**
Thu 13 Jan	**ARSENAL (CC S-F 1)**	**7.45pm**	**0-0**		**Sky**	M Oliver	52,377	Alisson	A-Arnold ●	Matip ●	van Dijk	Robertson ▮	Fabinho ●
Sun 16 Jan	**BRENTFORD**	**2pm**	**3-0**	**2nd**		J Moss	52,824	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	**Fabinho 1**
Thu 20 Jan	Arsenal (CC S-F 2)	7.45pm	2-0		Sky	M Atkinson	59,360	Kelleher	A-Arnold	Matip ●	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Sun 23 Jan	Crystal Palace	2pm	3-1	2nd	Sky	K Friend	25,002	Alisson	A-Arnold ●	Matip	**van Dijk 1**	Robertson	**Fabinho 1p**
Sun 6 Feb	**CARDIFF CITY (FAC 4)**	**12pm**	**3-1**		**ITV**	A Madley	51,268	Kelleher ▮	A-Arnold	Konate	van Dijk	Tsimikas ●	Henderson ●
Thu 10 Feb	**LEICESTER CITY**	**7.45pm**	**2-0**	**2nd**	**BT**	C Kavanagh	53,050	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Sun 13 Feb	Burnley	2pm	1-0	2nd		M Atkinson	21,233	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	**Fabinho 1**
Wed 16 Feb	Inter Milan UCL (Ro16 1)	8pm	2-0		BT	S Marciniak	37,918	Alisson	A-Arnold	Konate	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho ●
Sat 19 Feb	**NORWICH CITY**	**3pm**	**3-1**	**2nd**		M Dean	53,135	Alisson	Gomez	Matip	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Henderson
Wed 23 Feb	**LEEDS UNITED**	**7.45pm**	**6-0**	**2nd**		M Oliver	53,018	Alisson	A-Arnold	**Matip 1**	**van Dijk 1**	Robertson	Fabinho
Sun 27 Feb	Chelsea (CC Final)	4.30pm	0-0^^		Sky	S Attwell	85,512	Kelleher	A-Arnold ▮	Matip ●	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Wed 2 Mar	**NORWICH CITY (FAC 5)**	**8.15pm**	**2-1**		**ITV**	M Atkinson	52,231	Alisson	Milner	Konate	Gomez	Tsimikas	Henderson ▮ ●
Sat 5 Mar	**WEST HAM UNITED**	**5.30pm**	**1-0**	**2nd**	**Sky**	J Moss	53,059	Alisson	A-Arnold	Konate	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Tue 8 Mar	**INTER MILAN (UCL Ro16 2)**	**8pm**	**0-1**		**BT**	A Lahoz	51,747	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson ▮	Fabinho
Sat 12 Mar	Brighton & HA	12.30pm	2-0	2nd	BT	M Dean	31,474	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho ▮
Wed 16 Mar	Arsenal	8.15pm	2-0	2nd	Sky	A Marriner	59,968	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Sun 20 Mar	Nottingham Forest (FAC 6)	6pm	1-0		ITV	C Pawson	28,584	Alisson	Gomez	Konate	van Dijk	Tsimikas	Fabinho ●
Sat 2 Apr	**WATFORD**	**12.30pm**	**2-0**	**2nd**	**BT**	S Attwell	53,104	Alisson	Gomez ▮	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Henderson
Tue 5 Apr	Benfica (UCL Q-F 1)	8pm	3-1		BT	J Manzano	59,633	Alisson	A-Arnold ●	**Konate 1**	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho
Sun 10 Apr	Manchester City	4.30pm	2-2	2nd	Sky	A Taylor	53,197	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk ▮	Robertson ▮	Fabinho ▮
Wed 13 Apr	**BENFICA (UCL Q-F 2)**	**8pm**	**3-3**		**BT**	S Gozubuyuk	51,373	Alisson	Gomez	Matip	**Konate 1**	Tsimikas	Henderson ●
Sat 16 Apr	Manchester City (FAC S-F)	3.30pm	3-2		BBC	M Oliver	73,793	Alisson	A-Arnold	**Konate 1**	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho ▮
Tue 19 Apr	**MANCHESTER UNITED**	**8pm**	**4-0**	**1st**	**Sky**	M Atkinson	52,686	Alisson	A-Arnold	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Fabinho ●
Sun 24 Apr	**EVERTON**	**4.30pm**	**2-0**	**2nd**	**Sky**	S Attwell	52,852	Alisson	A-Arnold ▮	Matip	van Dijk	**Robertson 1**	Fabinho
Wed 27 Apr	**VILLARREAL (UCL S-F 1)**	**8pm**	**2-0***		**BT**	S Marciniak	51,586	Alisson	A-Arnold ●	Konate	van Dijk ▮	Robertson	Fabinho
Sat 30 Apr	Newcastle United	12.30pm	1-0	2nd	BT	A Marriner	52,281	Alisson	Gomez ▮	Matip	van Dijk	Robertson	Henderson ●
Tue 3 May	Villarreal (UCL S-F 2)	8pm	3-2		BT	D Makkelie	21,872	Alisson	A-Arnold ▮	Konate	van Dijk	Robertson ●	**Fabinho 1** ●
Sat 7 May	**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**	**7.45pm**			**BT**								
Sat 10 May	Aston Villa	8pm			Sky								
Sat 14 May	Chelsea (FA Cup Final)	4.45pm			BBC/ITV								
Tue 17 May	Southampton	7.45pm			Sky								
Sun 22 May	**WOLVERHAMPTON W**	**4pm**											
Sat 28 May	Real Madrid (UCL Final)	8pm			BT								

All fixtures are subject to change

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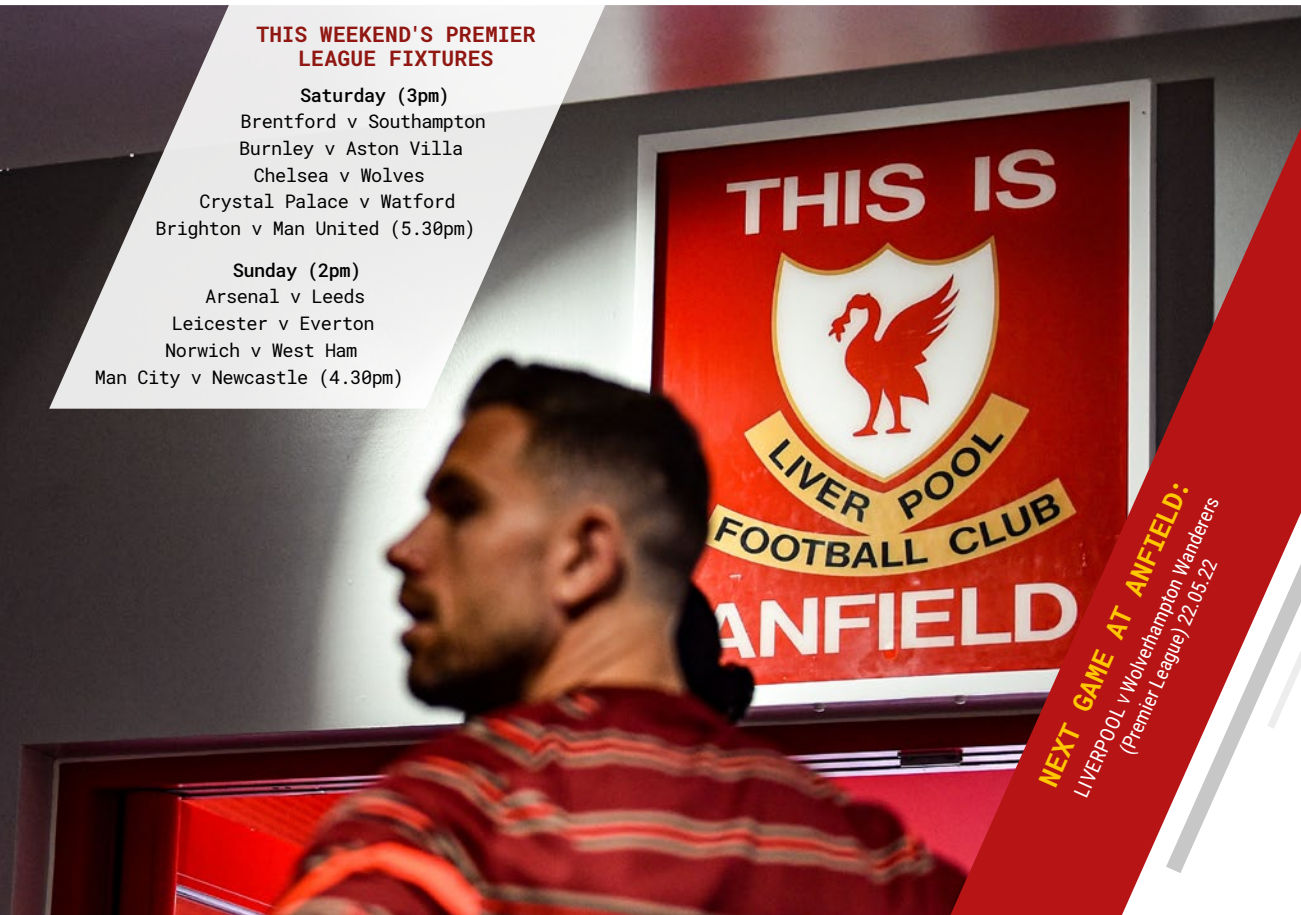
					SUBS								
Chamberlain	Milner	**Salah 1**	Mane	**Jota 1**	Fabinho	**Firmino 1**	Elliott	Gomez	Konate	Woodburn	Minamino	Origi	Kelleher
Keita	Elliott	Salah	**Mane 1**	**Jota 1**	Thiago	Firmino	Gomez	Konate	Robertson	Jones	Minamino	Adrian	Kelleher
Henderson	Elliott	**Salah 1p**	Mane	Firmino	Jota	Thiago	Tsimikas	Gomez	Konate	Keita	Chamberlain	Minamino	Kelleher
Thiago	Elliott	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	Jota	Henderson	Chamberlain	Keita	Gomez	Konate	Tsimikas	Milner	Jones	Kelleher
Henderson 1	Keita	**Salah 1**	Origi	Jota	Mane Minamino	Jones Adrian	Thiago Kelleher	Chamberlain	Milner	van Dijk	Konate	Phillips	Tsimikas
Henderson	Thiago	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	Jota	**Keita 1**	Jones	Origi	Gomez	Phillips	Robertson	Chamberlain	Minamino	Kelleher
Chamberlain	Jones	Gordon	**Minamino 2**	**Origi 1**	Morton	Robertson	Henderson	Phillips	Balagizi	Jota	Adrian		
Henderson	**Jones 1**	**Salah 1**	Mane	**Jota 1**	Firmino	Gomez	Konate	Tsimikas	Milner	Chamberlain	Minamino	Origi	Kelleher
Henderson	Jones	**Salah 2**	**Mane 1**	Jota	Gomez Keita	**Firmino 2** Adrian	Minamino Kelleher	Chamberlain	Origi	N Williams	Konate	Phillips	Tsimikas
Henderson	Jones	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	Jota	Firmino	Gomez	N Williams	Konate	Tsimikas	Keita	Chamberlain	Minamino	Kelleher
Keita	Milner	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	**Firmino 3**	Chamberlain	Tsimikas	N Williams	Gomez	Konate	Minamino	Jota	Origi	Adrian
Keita 1	Milner	**Salah 2(1p)**	Mane	Firmino	Fabinho Origi	Jota Adrian	Chamberlain Kelleher	Gomez	N Williams	Konate	Phillips	Tsimikas	Minamino
Keita 1	Milner	**Salah 3**	**Jota 1**	Firmino	Jones	Chamberlain	Mane	Gomez	Matip	Tsimikas	Minamino	Origi	Adrian
Chamberlain	Jones	Blair	**Minamino 1**	**Origi 1**	Phillips	Bradley	Beck	Dixon-Bonner	Konate	Firmino	Jota	Hughes	Pitaluga
Keita	Jones	Salah	**Mane 1**	Firmino	Chamberlain	Jota	Minamino	Gomez	Matip	Tsimikas	Morton	Origi	Adrian
Henderson	Chamberlain	Salah	**Mane 1**	**Jota 1**	Firmino Adrian	Thiago Kelleher	Origi -	Minamino	Phillips	N Williams	Konate	Robertson	Morton
Henderson	Chamberlain	Salah	Mane	Jota	Thiago	**Origi 1**	Minamino	N Williams	Konate	Phillips	Tsimikas	Morton	Kelleher
Chamberlain	Thiago	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	**Jota 1**	**Minamino 1**	Henderson	Morton	Bradley	Konate	Phillips	Beck	Gordon	Kelleher
Chamberlain	**Thiago 1**	**Salah 1**	Mane	Minamino	Robertson Adrian	Henderson Kelleher	Fabinho -	Origi	Milner	A-Arnold	van Dijk	Phillips	Jota
Henderson	**Thiago 1**	Salah	Mane	**Jota 2**	Chamberlain	Milner	Minamino	N Williams	Matip	Tsimikas	Morton	Origi	Kelleher
Henderson 1	Thiago	**Salah 2**	Mane	**Jota 1**	Milner	Chamberlain	Minamino	N Williams	Konate	Tsimikas	Morton	Origi	Kelleher
Henderson	Thiago	Salah	Mane	Jota	**Origi 1**	Chamberlain	Milner	N Williams	Konate	Phillips	Tsimikas	Minamino	Kelleher
Chamberlain	Minamino	**Salah 1**	Mane	**Origi 1**	Keita Dixon-Bonner	Gomez Kelleher	Fabinho H Davies	Woltman	Bradley	A-Arnold	Matip	Robertson	Norris
Henderson	Thiago	**Salah 1p**	Mane	Chamberlain	Jota	Milner	Minamino	N Williams	Konate	Gomez	Tsimikas	Keita	Kelleher
Chamberlain	Thiago	**Salah 1**	Mane	**Jota 1**	Firmino	Keita	Milner	N Williams	Gomez	Tsimikas	Minamino	Kelleher	Pitaluga
Keita	Milner	Salah	Mane	**Jota 1**	Firmino	Tsimikas	Gomez	N Williams	Quansah	Chamberlain	Minamino	Gordon	Kelleher
Henderson	**Chamberlain 1**	N Williams	**Minamino 1**	Firmino	**Jota 1**	Konate	Milner	Keita	Beck	Quansah	Gordon	Woltman	Pitaluga
Henderson	Chamberlain	Salah	Mane	Jota	Keita	Milner	Firmino	N Williams	Gomez	Konate	Beck	Jones	Kelleher
Henderson	Milner	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	Jota	Keita	Chamberlain	Jones	N Williams	Gomez	Beck	Morton	Adrian	Pitaluga
Morton	Dixon-Bonner	**Gordon 1**	Jones	Woltman	Minamino	**Firmino 1**	Frauendorf	Tsimikas	Norris	Matip	Mabaya	Balagizi	Adrian
Henderson	Milner	Jota	Minamino	Firmino	Jones	N Williams	Chamberlain	Gomez	Konate	Tsimikas	Morton	Gordon	Kelleher
Henderson	Jones	**Chamberlain 1**	Jota	Firmino	**Minamino 1**	Milner	Gordon	N Williams	Konate	Gomez	Tsimikas	Morton	Kelleher
Henderson	Jones	Gordon	**Jota 2**	Firmino	Konate	Minamino	Milner	N Williams	Gomez	Tsimikas	Morton	Alisson	Adrian
Henderson	Jones	**Chamberlain 1**	Jota	Firmino	Minamino	Milner	Gomez	N Williams	Konate	Tsimikas	Morton	Gordon	Kelleher
Keita	Jones	**Minamino 1**	**Jota 1**	Firmino	**Elliott 1**	Luis Diaz	Milner	Robertson	Thiago	Matip	Morton	Gordon	Adrian
Thiago	Jones	**Jota 2**	Luis Diaz	Firmino	Elliott	Salah	Minamino	Konate	Tsimikas	Milner	Chamberlain	Keita	Kelleher
Henderson	Keita	Salah	Mane	Firmino	Thiago	Jota	Milner	Konate	Tsimikas	Chamberlain	Elliott	Luis Diaz	Kelleher
Thiago	Elliott	**Salah 1**	Mane	Jota	**Firmino 1** Chamberlain	Luis Diaz Origi	Henderson Kelleher	Keita	Milner	Gomez	Matip	Tsimikas	Minamino
Chamberlain	Keita	**Salah 1**	**Mane 1**	**Luis Diaz 1**	Thiago	Origi	Minamino	Konate	Robertson	Fabinho	Milner	Elliott	Kelleher
Thiago	Jones	**Salah 2p**	**Mane 2**	Luis Diaz	Henderson	Milner	Origi	Konate	Tsimikas	Keita	Chamberlain	Minamino	Kelleher
Henderson	Keita	Salah	Mane	Luis Diaz	Elliott	Milner	Jota	Konate	Origi	Tsimikas	Chamberlain	Minamino	Alisson
Chamberlain	Jones	**Minamino 2**	Jota	Origi	Elliott	Morton	Luis Diaz	Mane	Bradley	Matip	Robertson	Adrian	Kelleher
Henderson	Keita	Salah	**Mane 1**	Luis Diaz	Jota	Milner	Jones	Gomez	Chamberlain	Elliott	Minamino	Origi	Kelleher
Thiago	Jones	Salah	Mane	Jota	Keita Origi	Henderson Adrian	Luis Diaz Kelleher	Gomez	Tsimikas	Milner	Chamberlain	Elliott	Minamino
Henderson	Keita	**Salah 1p**	Mane	**Luis Diaz 1**	Jota	Thiago	Milner	Gomez	Tsimikas	Jones	Elliott	Firmino	Kelleher
Henderson	Thiago	**Jota 1**	Mane	Luis Diaz	**Firmino 1**	Salah	Jones	Gomez	Konate	Keita	Chamberlain	Minamino	Kelleher
Chamberlain	Keita	Elliott	**Jota 1**	Firmino	Luis Diaz	Thiago	Henderson	Minamino	Matip	Beck	Jones	Origi	Adrian
Thiago	Jones	Salah	**Jota 1**	Firmino	**Fabinho 1p**	Mane	Milner	A-Arnold	Konate	Tsimikas	Chamberlain	Luis Diaz	Kelleher
Thiago	Keita	Salah	**Mane 1**	**Luis Diaz 1**	Henderson Chamberlain	Firmino Minamino	Jota Kelleher	Gomez	Milner	Matip	Tsimikas	Jones	Elliott
Henderson	Thiago	Salah	**Mane 1**	**Jota 1**	Luis Diaz	Keita	Firmino	Gomez	Konate	Tsimikas	Milner	Jones	Kelleher
Milner	Keita	Luis Diaz	Jota	**Firmino 2**	Salah Elliott	Fabinho Chamberlain	Thiago Kelleher	Mane	Origi	A-Arnold	van Dijk	Robertson	Jones
Thiago	Keita	Salah	**Mane 2**	Luis Diaz	Henderson	Jota	Firmino	Jones	Gomez	Matip	Tsimikas	Milner	Kelleher
Henderson	Thiago	**Salah 2**	**Mane 1**	**Luis Diaz 1**	Jota	Keita	Milner	Gomez	Konate	Tsimikas	Jones	Origi	Kelleher
Thiago	Keita	Salah	Mane	Jota	**Origi 1**	Luis Diaz	Henderson	Gomez	Konate	Tsimikas	Milner	Jones	Kelleher
Henderson	Thiago	Salah	**Mane 1**	Luis Diaz	Keita Minamino	Jota Adrian	Gomez Kelleher	Origi	Matip	R Williams	Chamberlain	Milner	Elliott
Keita 1	Milner	Jota	Mane	Luis Diaz	Salah	Fabinho	Thiago	A-Arnold	Konate	Tsimikas	Jones	Elliott	Kelleher
Thiago	Keita	Salah	**Mane 1**	Jota	**Luis Diaz 1** Chamberlain	Henderson Origi	Tsimikas Kelleher	Jones	Milner	Gomez	Matip	Elliott	Minamino

*own goals (Tomori - AC Milan, Estupinan - Villarreal) ^Liverpool win 5-4 on penalties ^^after extra-time, Liverpool win 11-10 on penalties

PREMIER LEAGUE **2021/22**

		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Manchester City	34	26	5	3	84	21	63	83
2	**Liverpool**	**34**	**25**	**7**	**2**	**86**	**22**	**64**	**82**
3	Chelsea	34	19	9	6	68	29	39	66
4	Arsenal	34	20	3	11	54	41	13	63
5	Tottenham Hotspur	34	19	4	11	59	39	20	61
6	Manchester United	36	16	10	10	57	52	5	58
7	West Ham United	35	15	7	13	53	46	7	52
8	Wolverhampton Wanderers	34	15	4	15	33	32	1	49
9	Brighton and Hove Albion	35	10	14	11	34	42	-8	44
10	Newcastle United	35	11	10	14	40	56	-16	43
11	Leicester City	33	11	9	13	48	54	-6	42
12	Crystal Palace	34	9	14	11	45	42	3	41
13	Aston Villa	33	12	4	17	44	46	-2	40
14	Brentford	35	11	7	17	41	52	-11	40
15	Southampton	35	9	13	13	41	58	-17	40
16	Burnley	34	7	13	14	31	46	-15	34
17	Leeds United	34	8	10	16	38	72	-34	34
18	Everton	33	9	5	19	35	55	-20	32
19	Watford	34	6	4	24	32	69	-37	22
20	Norwich City	34	5	6	23	22	71	-49	21



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Saturday (3pm)
Brentford v Southampton
Burnley v Aston Villa
Chelsea v Wolves
Crystal Palace v Watford
Brighton v Man United (5.30pm)

Sunday (2pm)
Arsenal v Leeds
Leicester v Everton
Norwich v West Ham
Man City v Newcastle (4.30pm)

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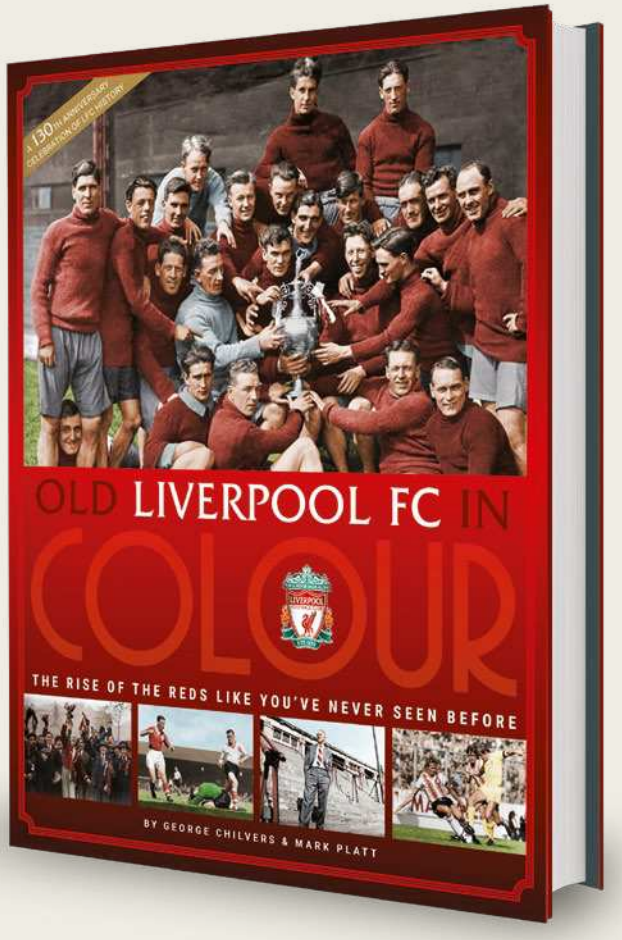
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1	HUGO LLORIS
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